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Tory way ahead of competition, new poll shows

Mayoral race. The poll finds Tory has 42 per cent support, Ford has 28 per cent and Chow has 26 per cent

John Tory is entering the home stretch of the Toronto mayoral election with a 14-point lead, a new Nanos Research poll suggests.

The poll finds Tory has 42 per cent support, incumbent Rob Ford 28 per cent, Olivia Chow 26 per cent. David Soknacki remains well out of contention at three per cent, the margin of error.

Tory passed Chow for the lead in early July, but he had never previously polled above 40 per cent. Chow had never previously been so far back.

The Nanos poll was released on Tuesday, five days after a Forum Research poll that caused apprehension among residents opposed to Ford and supportive of Chow. Forum has Tory at 34 per cent, just three points ahead of Ford and 11 points ahead of Chow.

Forum uses automated polls while Nanos uses live interviewers. The Nanos poll of 1,000 residents was conducted between Aug. 27 and 31, including the Saturday and Sunday of the Labour Day long weekend.

"We have the momentum," Ford's campaign manager, Doug Ford, said Tuesday before the Nanos poll emerged. "I can tell you one thing. John Tory doesn't have the momentum. His numbers are slipping."

Tory, also speaking before the poll came out, said he thought his message was "resonating." He declined to speak directly about his lead.

"The bottom line is I'm going to campaign each and every day as I have since February to win this job, to earn the confidence of people, for one Toronto."

Chow said prior to the Nanos poll that she is unconcerned about her standing. Most residents, she said, share her "values."

"I'm not worried," she said. The Nanos poll was conducted for CTV and the Globe and Mail.

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POP GOES THE ICON

Enduring rock legend Iggy Pop and his third wife Nina Alu attend the star-studded GQ Men of the Year Awards at The Royal Opera House in London Tuesday. Pop picked up the final award of the evening for icon of the year, while Kim Kardashian nabbed woman of the year, Pharrell Williams took home solo artist honours and Colin Firth was named leading man. ANTHONY HARVEY/GETTY IMAGES

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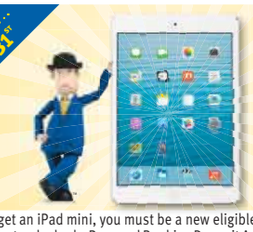

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1 CARIBBEAN LENS

The ninth annual CaribbeanTales International Film Festival kicks off today, featuring Caribbean films from 15 countries from the region.

2 STREET CHIC

Fashion on Yonge Year 2 goes down today at Trinity Square, showcasing the shops, restaurants and services of the area. First runway show at 5:15 p.m.

3 2,000 AND LATE

Don't look now, but your smartphone is obsolete. Samsung's Galaxy Note 4 debuts today, with unveilings in New York, Berlin and Beijing. iPhone 6 comes next week.

4 DOG KICKER OUT

Remember that catering-company CEO who appeared to be kicking and yanking a puppy on camera? Desmond Hague of Centerplate Inc.? Yeah, he resigned on Tuesday.

5 CHUCKY 2.0

For those young (and scary) at heart, Mezco Toyz will soon market a version of Annabelle, the terrifying doll in the 2013 horror movie The Conjuring and set to return in a sequel.

Reel time: Almost here

This massive TIFF mural on King Street is helping to build street buzz for the upcoming festival, as the city waits on such A-list actors as Bill Murray, Robert Downey Jr., Kate Winslet, Reese Witherspoon, Denzel Washington and Al Pacino, as they swoop in for this year's Sept. 4-14 gala. The little film festival that started 39 years ago in Yorkville now ranks with Cannes and Venice as one of the best on the planet. TIFF officially kicks off Thursday; look for Metro's extensive coverage of the stars and the top movies. VINCE TALOTTA/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bussin back as 'Joe Citizen'

Can she reclaim Beaches–East York seat?
Veteran incumbent lost in one of 2010's biggest election upsets

Sandra Bussin said she was finished with politics four years ago, after she was toppled by then-rookie Mary-Margaret McMahon.

On Tuesday, Bussin returned to city hall to register as a candidate in Beaches–East York, where she will square off against McMahon and nine other candidates in Ward 32.

"I'm not the incumbent, I'm not the speaker and I'm not the deputy mayor, so I'm just Joe Citizen running, and I think I've got a lot to offer," Bussin said after signing the nomination papers.

Bussin's defeat was one of the biggest upsets in the 2010 election. She had represented the area, as a trustee and councillor, for 22 years.

Sandra Bussin
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But 2010 came at the end of David Miller's administration, in which Bussin played a key role as council speaker, deputy mayor and standard-bearer of council's left-wing faction.

She took a lot of heat for her role in granting an untendered 20-year contract to Tuggs Inc., operator of the Boardwalk Pub. And critics used her expensing of a bunny suit for an Easter Parade as a symbol for Rob Ford's campaign against the "gravy train" at city hall.

Bussin acknowledges the pub renewal played a role in her defeat, which she blamed on "a lot of misunderstanding."

Bussin says Ward 32 constituents have missed her "seasoned voice" over the past four years while she has practised real estate — her work as an agent giving her a "new understanding of property and property issues."

She, like other residents, felt "totally abandoned" during the ice storm, says Bussin.

"I didn't have power for six days. I had neighbours knocking on my door asking me how we can get help."

"I never worked so hard in my life as I did during the ice storm," responds McMahon, adding that can be verified by her presence on Twitter and Facebook. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Separate entrances: 'poor doors' or not?

Developments.
Market-rate condos mixed with affordable housing; does separate management matter?

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A rendering of the planned Aqualina at Bayside development south of Queens Quay, between Lower Sherbourne and Parliament. CNW GROUP/TRIDEL

In 2018, some residents of the new Aqualina at Bayside development on Toronto's waterfront will enter through one door, while other residents — who aren't as wealthy — will use a different one.

If this was New York City, they might call that entrance the "poor door."

Some New Yorkers are outraged their city has approved a development on the Upper West Side that includes affordable and market-rate units, because it will have segregated entrances and common areas, so, in effect, the wealthier won't rub elbows with the poor who live in the building.

The city is planning to ban poor doors — or separate entrances based on income — after public pressure.

Alicia Glen, a deputy mayor in New York, told the New York Times that poor doors were not in keeping with the administration's principles of equality. "Walking into a building should not be any different based on income status," she said.

According to Toronto city staff, our city has already built two developments that include both market-rate condos and affordable housing units, and six more have been approved.

The largest is the Aqualina at Bayside development, south of Queen's Quay, between Lower Sherbourne and Parliament. The massive development, to be finished in 2018, will include 225 market-rate condominiums and 80 affordable rental units for artists and their families on the west and north sides of the first nine floors in the same building.

But the affordable units will be completely separate from the market-rate condos and accessed by a separate door.

Jim Ritchie, Tridel's senior vice-president of sales and marketing, released this statement to Metro: "In Bayside's Aquavista community, we are proud of the fact that we are bringing 80 artist's residences to the city. We are also delivering 230 for-sale condominium suites at market prices. We have worked together with the City of Toronto in designing and permitting the project for construction. Bayside is an upscale, waterfront development and all entrances will be exquisite, leading into a fabulous building in which all our residents will be proud to call home."

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"New York is New York ... They're much more used to separating people in terms of economics."
Coun. Pam McConnell

Sean Gadon, Toronto's director of affordable housing, said the city is essentially purchasing that section of the building, finishing it separately and putting it under separate management — the non-profit group Artscape. One reason it's separate is to keep the common costs down, he said.

"We are developing affordable housing, so there were cost considerations as to amenities and what the lobby would look like.

"The residents have their own amenities space that doesn't include ... things that you would find in an upscale condominium. The affordable component is designed to be affordable," he said.

There are also separate entrances at a development at Abell and Sudbury streets, in the King Street West area, where 68 units for artists were built with Westside Lofts condos above them — much like the building causing controversy in New York.

Gadon said he doesn't believe any of the developments in Toronto where there is a separation of affordable from market-rate units — and thus separate entrances — qualify as having a poor door, since the separation exists because of separate management.

"It's not as if, 'Oh, those are the poor people, we want to segregate them and give them their own entrance,'" he said.

However, the Upper West Side building that sparked outrage in New York is also planning to have separate management and, like in Toronto, the affordable units will be considered a separate legal entity.

Artscape manages the existing artist condos and apartments in the Triangle Lofts and will manage the affordable artist's units in the Aqualina at Bayside.

Artscape executive vice-president Celia Smith said the segregation is an asset. "We build communities for artists," she said. "We co-locate artists in one space. It was important for us to have our own entrance, our own space."

Artscape will manage some units that are integrated into other buildings as well and prefers to keep them separate from the rest of the development.

Toronto has only recently begun mixing affordable housing with market-rate condos. One completed development and five that are under construction have their affordable units completely integrated into the buildings, accessed by the common entrance.

Pam McConnell, the ward councillor, supports the Bayside development and said separate entrances aren't new in Toronto; affordable housing co-ops have co-existed with TCHC housing, in the same buildings, with separate doors, for decades.

In those cases, the wealth disparity is far less stark than at the controversial New York luxury condo development.

"We don't have any poor doors here," said McConnell. "What we do have is different management companies and different management arrangements."

Two buildings in her ward have co-ops and TCHC units, with separate entrances. At Front and Jarvis streets, one huge building has four residential entrances: 109 Front Street East is for condos, but the building also includes a TCHC section and two co-ops, plus retail space, all with separate entrances and separate management.

"There are different charges, different operating costs and different governance, so these are standalone properties within the same envelope," she said.

McConnell said she believes separate entrances don't have the same poor-door stigma in Toronto, because New York's history of segregating people by wealth is much greater.

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Lawsuit to set precedent for patient privacy rights

Hopkins v. Kay. Suit's outcome will answer a crucial question: Can you sue a hospital if it breaches your privacy?

In June 2011, after 51 years of marriage, Erkenraadje Wensvoort left her husband and went into hiding with an unlisted phone number and address.

When she was admitted to Peterborough Regional Health Centre a month later, her identity was supposed to be kept secret. She was left paranoid and anxious when the hospital revealed years later that her medical records had been improperly accessed, worried that her husband had paid off a hospital employee in an attempt to find her.

Wensvoort is the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit which could have sweeping implications for Ontario hospitals and patient privacy rights.

Her story is described in the plaintiffs' amended statement of claim, which has not been proven in court.

Wensvoort is one of 280 patients who brought a class-action lawsuit against the Peterborough hospital and seven employees who allegedly breached their privacy between 2011 and 2012.

The hospital is fighting to have the case thrown out.

In light of several major privacy leaks at Toronto hospitals, the Peterborough showdown will answer a crucial question: Can you sue a hospital if it breaches your privacy?

A similar suit exists on behalf of 14,450 patients of Rouge Valley Health System; two rogue staffers allegedly sold patient information to private companies. That case is on hold until a Court of Appeal ruling on whether the Peterborough case can go ahead.

The crux of the Peterborough case, known as Hopkins v. Kay, is whether patients whose privacy has been breached can sue the hospital directly.

The hospital admitted the medical records were wrongfully accessed. Its officials apologized to the affected patients, and the seven employees allegedly responsible were fired.

In its amended notice of appeal, the hospital argues that the Superior Court has no jurisdiction to hear the lawsuit, because under the province's Personal Health Information Protection Act, personal health information privacy violations are solely the domain of the Ontario privacy commissioner.

Michael Crystal, one of the patients' lawyers, disagrees.

He argued against the hospital's original motion that nothing in PHIPA prevents patients from pursuing their own common law action.

The dispute is arising now because in Ontario, the ability to sue someone for breach of privacy was established only in 2012.

Patrick Hawkins, one of the lawyers for Peterborough Regional Health Centre and the defendants, declined to comment.

The case is scheduled to appear before the Court of Appeal on Dec. 15.

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"When you sue somebody ... that involves not only compensating the individual for the harms they've suffered, but also sending a message to society that this kind of conduct ... is not acceptable."

Privacy lawyer Michael Power, who said the case illustrates the messy process of the law trying to set new societal rules in response to technological change.

TIFF made in Canada, now eatery made into America

Crews worked around the clock last week to transform existing restaurant Stock into America, an upscale eatery from INK Entertainment and Oliver & Bonacini Restaurants, on the 31st floor of the Trump tower. Over the course of TIFF, America will be home to news conferences, official after-parties and a gala dinner. RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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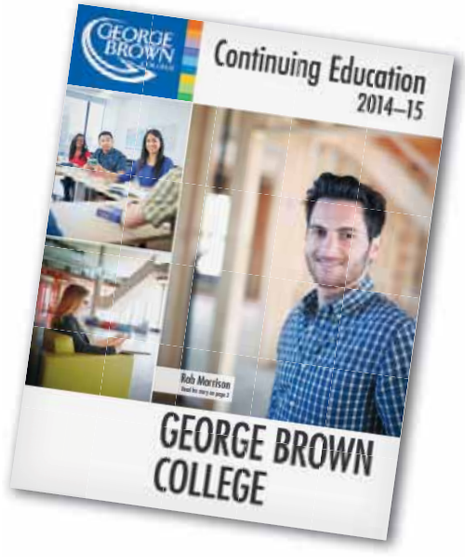

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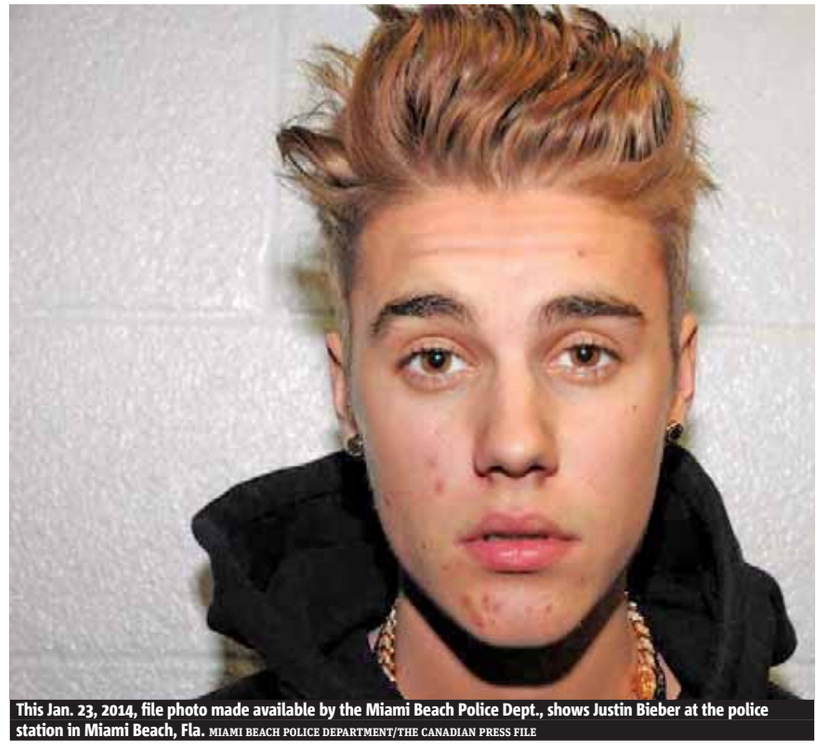
Bieber's lawyer points finger at paparazzi

Pop star arrested Friday near Stratford.
Artist charged with dangerous driving and assault after a collision


This Jan. 23, 2014, file photo made available by the Miami Beach Police Dept., shows Justin Bieber at the police station in Miami Beach, Fla. MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Justin Bieber's camp is pointing a finger of blame at the paparazzi for the Canadian pop star's latest run-in with the law in Canada.

Ontario Provincial Police said Bieber, 20, was arrested Friday and charged with dangerous driving and assault following a collision between a minivan and an ATV in a rural area northeast of Bieber's hometown of Stratford.

The driver of the ATV and an occupant of the minivan "engaged in a physical altercation," according to police.

Const. Kees Wijnands would not say whether Bieber was driving the ATV, but pictures posted online show the star and on-and-off girlfriend Selena Gomez riding on an ATV on Friday.

Wijnands said there were no injuries as a result of the collision, but couldn't say whether there were any injuries from the altercation.

"He attended our office and he was arrested," Wijnands said. Bieber was then released on a promise to appear in court Sept. 29.

In a statement emailed to The Canadian Press, Bieber's lawyer in Toronto indicated the paparazzi were involved but provided no details.

"Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's peaceful retreat in Stratford this weekend was unfortunately disrupted by the unwelcome presence of the paparazzi," said Brian Greenspan.

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"Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's peaceful retreat in Stratford this weekend was unfortunately disrupted by the unwelcome presence of the paparazzi."

Brian Greenspan, Bieber's lawyer in Toronto

"This has regrettably resulted in charges of dangerous driving and assault. Mr. Bieber and Ms. Gomez have fully co-operated in the police investigation. We are hopeful that this matter will be quickly resolved."

Just a few days before the incident, Bieber's car was hit from behind by a vehicle driven by a photographer in Hollywood and the Grammy Award-nominated singer tweeted: "There should be laws against what I just experienced. We should have learned from the death of Princess Diana ..."

He then tweeted: "... I don't have a problem with Paparazzi but when they act recklessly they put us all in danger."

This is Bieber's second brush with the law in Canada.

Early this year Toronto police charged him with assault, alleging he hit a driver several times in the back of the head after he and five others were picked up by a limousine in the early hours of Dec. 30.

There is a court hearing in that case scheduled for Sept. 8, but Greenspan said Bieber won't attend.

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Dethroned beauty queen wants apology, holds crown ransom

A dethroned 16-year-old beauty queen from Myanmar said Tuesday she won't return her bejeweled $100,000 crown until pageant organizers apologize for calling her a liar and a thief.

May Myat Noe — the country's first winner of an international beauty contest — lashed back at her accusers at a tightly packed news conference.

She said representatives of the Miss Asia Pacific World pageant lied about her age — saying she was 18 instead of 16 — and tried to pressure her into getting plastic surgery "from head to toe."

Noe denied having breast implants as claimed by David Kim, director of media for the South Korean-based pageant. He said the surgery was provided free of charge, part of efforts to boost the teen into super-stardom.

Kim said Noe was stripped of her title last week because she was dishonest and unappreciative and that she ran off with her tiara after learning of the decision.

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May Myat Noe, Myanmar's first international beauty queen, winner of the 2014 Miss Asia Pacific World.
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Poll: Palestinians' support for Hamas up dramatically after war with Israel

The popularity of the Hamas militant group among Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip has spiked significantly following the 50-day war with Israel, according to an opinion poll released Tuesday.

The poll, conducted by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, indicates that 61 per cent of Palestinians would choose the Islamic militant group's leader, Ismail Haniyeh, for president if elections were held today.

Only 32 per cent would vote for current President Mahmoud Abbas, Hamas' rival, the survey suggested.

The support for Haniyeh marks a stark increase from a poll in June, which found only 41 per cent backed the Hamas figure. At the time, Abbas had 53 per cent support.

The poll also suggests a majority of Palestinians — 72 per cent — support adopting Hamas' armed approach in the West Bank.

The research centre said it is the first time in eight years that a majority of Palestinians has voiced such support for the Hamas leader. But, it said, Hamas' popularity might fall in coming months, as it did following previous Israel-Hamas conflicts.

The poll said 79 per cent of respondents believe Hamas won the war.

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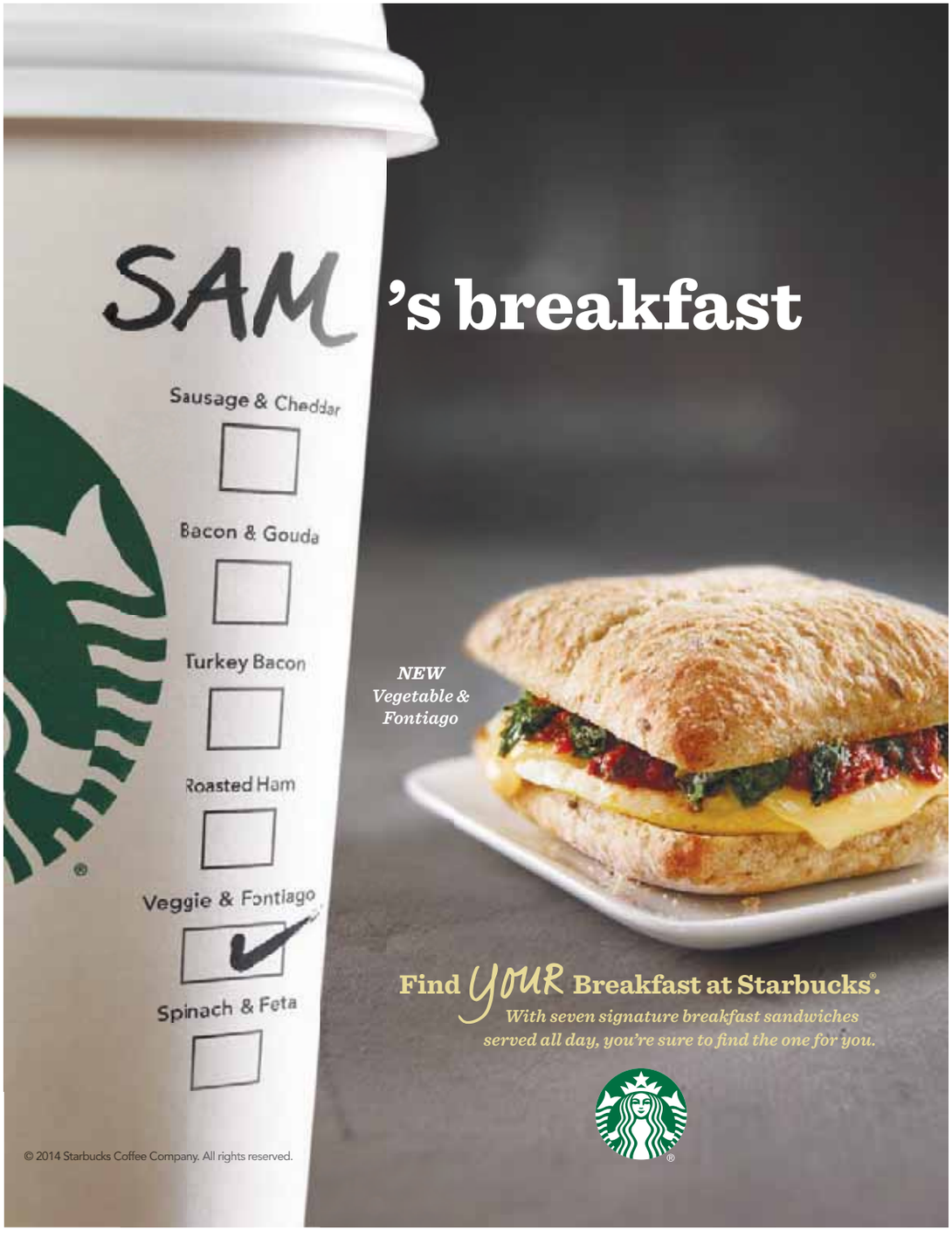
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ISIS appears second U.S. in its latest

American journalist Steven Sotloff, who was kidnapped in August 2013 near Aleppo, Syria, talks to Libyan rebels near Misrata, Libya, in June 2011. An Internet video has been released that purports to show the beheading of Sotloff by the ISIS terrorist group. ETIENNE DE MALGLAIVE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

A Second Message to America

'I'm back, Obama'

The fighter who apparently beheads Sotloff in the video calls it retribution for Obama's continued airstrikes against the group.

"I'm back, Obama, and I'm back because of your arrogant foreign policy toward the Islamic State … despite our serious warnings," the fighter says.

"So just as your missiles continue to strike our people, our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people."

The killer specifically mentions the recent U.S. airstrikes around the Mosul dam and the beleaguered Iraqi town of Amirli, making it unlikely that Sotloff was killed at the same time as Foley, as some analysts had speculated.

Over the weekend, Iraqi government forces with help from U.S. airstrikes broke the Islamic State's two-month siege of Amirli, a town where some 15,000 Shiite Turkmens had been stranded.

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to behead journalist online video

'A Second Message to America.' Terrorist group says murder of Steven Sotloff is retribution for continued U.S. airstrikes

Islamic State extremists released a video Tuesday purportedly showing the beheading of a second American journalist, Steven Sotloff, and warning U.S. President Barack Obama that as long as U.S. airstrikes against the militant group continue, "our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people."

The footage — depicting what the U.S. called a sickening act of brutality — was posted two weeks after the release of video showing the killing of James Foley and just days after Sotloff's mother pleaded for his life.

Barak Barfi, a spokesman for the family, said that the Sotloffs had seen the video but that authorities have not established its authenticity.

"The family knows of this horrific tragedy and is grieving privately. There will be no public comment from the family during this difficult time," Barfi said.

Sotloff, a 31-year-old Miami-area native who freelanced for Time and Foreign Policy magazines, vanished in Syria in August 2013 and was not seen again until he appeared in a video released last month that showed Foley's beheading. Dressed in an orange jumpsuit against an arid Syrian landscape, Sotloff was threatened in that video with death unless the U.S. stopped airstrikes on the Islamic State.

In the video distributed Tuesday and titled A Second Message to America, Sotloff appears in a similar jumpsuit before he is apparently beheaded by a fighter with the Islamic State, the extremist group that has conquered wide swaths of territory across Syria and Iraq and declared itself a caliphate.

In the video, the organization threatens to kill another hostage, this one identified as British citizen David Cawthorne Haines. It was not immediately clear who Haines was.

Britain and France called the killing "barbaric."

British Prime Minister David Cameron said in a statement that he would chair an emergency response meeting with his cabinet early Wednesday to review the latest developments.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said U.S. intelligence analysts will work as quickly as possible to determine if the video is authentic.

"If the video is genuine, we are sickened by this brutal act, taking the life of another innocent American citizen," Psaki said. "Our hearts go out to the Sotloff family."

Last week, Sotloff's mother, Shirley Sotloff, pleaded with his captors for mercy, saying in a video that her son was "an innocent journalist" and "an honourable man" who "has always tried to help the weak."

Sotloff grew up in the Miami area, graduated from Kimball Union Academy, a prep school in New Hampshire, and then attended the University of Central Florida, which said he majored in journalism from 2002 to 2004 but apparently left without graduating.

Just how Sotloff made his way from Florida to Middle East hot spots is not clear. He published articles from Syria, Egypt and Libya in a variety of publications. Several focus on the plight of ordinary people in war-torn places.

In a statement, Foreign Policy magazine said it was saddened by news of his death and called him a "brave and talented journalist" whose reporting "showed a deep concern for the civilians caught in the middle of a brutal war."

At Sotloff's parents' home in Pinecrest, Fla., two police vehicles blocked the driveway Tuesday, and officers advised journalists to stay away. Friends of the family could be seen coming and going.

"Everyone's been concerned. Everyone is grieving," neighbour Pepe Cazas said. "It's terrible. I've been praying for him."

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Disorganization?

In a sign of disorganization — or perhaps dissension — in the extremist group's ranks, a faction of the Islamic State apparently posted the video early, before it was supposed to be released.

- In a later Twitter message, those responsible apologized and asked fellow jihadis not to "reproach" them.

Africa

Ebola outbreak is overwhelming, doctors' group says

The international group Doctors Without Borders warned Tuesday that the world is losing the battle against Ebola and lamented that treatment centres in West Africa have been "reduced to places where people go to die alone" as authorities race to contain the disease.

Doctors Without Borders President Joanne Liu said her organization is completely overwhelmed by the Ebola outbreak in four West African countries. She said treatment centres can offer little more than palliative care and called on other countries to contribute civilian and military medical personnel familiar with biological disasters.

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Saudi Arabia

Police arrest 88 men for plotting terrorist attacks

A top Saudi security official said Tuesday that police had arrested 88 men suspected of being part of an al-Qaida cell that was plotting attacks inside and outside of the kingdom.

Interior Ministry spokesman Mansour al-Turki said 59 of the men arrested had previously served prison sentences for similar offences. He said they were also planning assassinations.

Al-Turki said that Saudi security forces monitored the group for months and learned about their plans. He said the arrests were made over the past several days and that Saudi forces "are serious in tracking down" anyone who joins a terrorist group.

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32 teens escape from Nashville detention centre

Could face charges.
After escaping by crawling under a fence, 23 of the 32 teens are caught, but nine still on the run Tuesday

Thirty-two teens escaped from Woodland Hills Youth Development Center, a youth detention centre in Nashville, by crawling under a weak spot in a fence late Monday night, and nine were still on the run Tuesday, a spokesman said.

The teens — ages 14 to 19 — left their rooms at about 11 p.m. Monday and "overwhelmed" the staff in a common area, Tennessee Department of Children's Services spokesman Rob Johnson said.

The group then kicked out a metal panel under a window to get into a yard, and ran for a chain-link fence.

The fence is buried 20 centimetres into the ground, but the teens managed to pull up a weak portion and slip out underneath it. Staff alerted police once they saw them escaping, he said.

Two were captured immediately and others were found overnight. Some were found by authorities, others turned themselves in and still others were turned in by their families, he said.

Police were still searching for nine of the teens on Tuesday, while the other 23 were taken to juvenile court and could face escape charges, officials said.

Most of the 78 detainees had committed at least three felonies, Johnson said, but the facility is more like a high school with security than an adult prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police work in front of the Woodland Hills Youth Development Center Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mississippi

Woman convicted of murder after illicit butt injections

A Mississippi woman convicted of killing a Georgia woman through illicit silicone buttocks injections has been sentenced to life in prison.

Tracey Lynn Garner, of Mississippi, was sentenced Tuesday. Garner was convicted of depraved heart murder and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Garner was charged in the death of Karima Gordon who, prosecutors say, was lured by Garner to perform the injections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fatal shooting by Uzi

Girl said gun was too much for her: Police report

A nine-year-old girl who accidentally killed an instructor with an Uzi at a shooting range said after the shooting that she felt the gun was too much for her and had hurt her shoulder, according to police reports released Tuesday.

Her family members were focused on the girl because they thought she was injured and didn't realize instructor Charles Vacca had been shot until one of his colleagues ran to him.
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Casino shuts down its doors

Casino workers and customers walk out of the Revel Hotel Casino together early Tuesday morning in Atlantic City, N.J. The casino section of the Revel closed at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, a day after the hotel checked out its last guest. The shutdown, the most spectacular and costly failure in Atlantic City's 36-year history of casino gambling, comes a little over two years after the $2.4-billion dollar Revel opened with high hopes of revitalizing the city's struggling gambling market.
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The U.S. side of Niagara Falls, seen here Jan. 10, begins to thaw following the polar vortex earlier this year. Researchers have partially linked the cold weather from the vortexes to melting sea ice off Russia's coast, caused primarily by higher global temperatures. NICK LOVERDE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Polar vortex connected to melting ice in Arctic: Study

Frigid weather. Study says shrinking ice in Russian seas one cause of wicked cold fronts

A new study says that as the world gets warmer, parts of North America, Europe and Asia could see more frequent and stronger visits of cold air.

Researchers say that's because of shrinking ice in the seas off Russia. A reduced amount of ice would result in more energy going from the ocean into the air. That would weaken the atmospheric forces that usually keep cold air trapped in the Arctic.

At times the air escapes and wanders south, bringing with it a bit of Arctic super chill. That can happen for several reasons, the study says, such as when the ice in northern seas shrinks, leaving more water uncovered.

Normally, sea ice keeps heat energy from escaping the ocean and entering the atmosphere. When there's less ice, more energy gets into the atmosphere and weakens the jet stream, the high-altitude river of air that usually keeps Arctic air from wandering south, said study co-author Jin-Ho Yoon of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash.

The study observed historical data and conducted computer simulations.

Both approaches showed the same strong link between shrinking sea ice and cold outbreaks, according to lead author Baek-Min Kim, a research scientist at the Korea Polar Research Institute.

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Response

- **Doubt.** Kevin Trenbeth, a climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, is skeptical of Yoon's study, citing his own research that claims the Pacific has a greater effect on the polar vortex.
- **Acclaim.** Katherine Hayoe, a climate scientist with Texas Tech, praised Yoon's study and believes it provides important insights into how human activities affect the planet.

Polar bears

DNA fingerprinting a 'step forward' for animal studies

Polar bear scientists have developed a new way to study the mighty Arctic predator — pulling DNA off footprints left in the snow.

Fingerprinting a footprint could change, fundamentally, how researchers work with the bears by making it easier, cheaper and safer to study an animal that has become politically charged in the debate around climate change and Arctic development.

"This method allows us to sample DNA from the animal without having to see it," said Eva Bellemain of Spygen Inc., the French company behind the technique.

The method could be a big step forward in the quest for non-invasive ways to study animals, said Andrew Derocher, a polar bear biologist at the University of Alberta.

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Spain

Courts order the release of detained British couple

Spanish officials have ordered the immediate release of a detained British couple who were wanted by police in the U.K. after they took their critically ill child for treatment abroad without doctors' consent.

The National Court in Madrid said in a statement that a judge released the couple Tuesday after British authorities dropped their case against them.

Brett and Naghemeh King were pursued by police after they took five-year-old Ashya out of a hospital in southern England and travelled to Spain against doctors' advice. The couple planned to sell property to pay for an expensive medical treatment, but were arrested on suspicion of cruelty to a person under the age of 16.

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Food trucks in parks project a costly failure

Trial and errors.
Planner left with an outstanding $36,000 bill to the city

Picture a warm summer afternoon as a fleet of food trucks sets up camp in a Toronto park, hawking boxes of fresh tacos or warm, flaky churros. Park-goers pig out, the food trucks make money. Everyone's happy.

That was the hope behind city council's pilot project last summer, which opened the door for 24 food trucks to serve in five Toronto parks starting in August.

It didn't work. A lack of customers, tepid enthusiasm from vendors and complaints about noise and fumes quickly spelled the program's demise. The project was a bust by September.

One year later, an event planner and freelance food writer who stickhandled the park plan is stuck with an outstanding $36,000 bill to the city after more than 10 trucks didn't pay their share of the two-month rental deal.

Some refused to pay for the failed event, others said they were never under contract and many blame city council for picking quieter parks for the experiment.

The brouhaha sheds light on a culture of infighting and disorganization within Toronto's fledgling food truck scene, which has yet to hit its stride despite a loosening of mobile vending bylaws earlier this spring.

"It's more stressful than it is fun," said Suresh Doss, who has run food truck programming through the Ontario Food Truck Association since 2011.

In July of 2013, Doss sat on a city food-truck working committee when the idea of the parks trial was tabled. The plan was seen as a way for food trucks to test drive services while cutting through municipal bylaws, which didn't allow trucks to vend on streets or in parking lots until a council vote the following spring.

Rather than sign multiple contracts with dozens of trucks, the city signed a deal solely with Doss's company, Spotlight Toronto, an online culture website. He intended to collect the payment from each truck by the fall.

Doss said he was given only a brief window in late July to organize the trial and get trucks on board. He held a meeting with vendors beforehand, but it wasn't enough time to get contracts signed from each truck.

"This is where you could say I dropped the ball," he said. "I spoke to my lawyer about this and he said, 'You're taking a chance on this by not having them sign.' I said these guys are good for this and I've got to champion for this because I started this f---ing thing."

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"People who go in parks are unemployed people, people walking their dogs or people looking to score sex or drugs — not people looking for food."

Zane Caplansky, owner of Caplansky's Deli food truck,
pointing out why city parks are not the ideal place for food trucks

Suresh Doss at the Distillery District, where he planned a food trucks event in 2011.

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Electrifying GO. 10 years doable: CEO of Metrolinx

The CEO of Metrolinx has confirmed that the province's promise to electrify GO trains within 10 years is achievable. But that doesn't mean all seven lines will get all-day, two-way, 15-minute service in that time.

Bruce McCuaig had previously called the 10-year timeline "aggressive" and "constrained." On Tuesday, he said Metrolinx would deliver on Premier Kathleen Wynne's promise in April to "phase in electric train service every 15 minutes on all GO lines that we own."

A report before the Metrolinx board on Friday provides an early look at the complexities of electrifying GO. The project will require 500 kilometres of wires along the rails, 340 new kilometres of track; renovations to more than 60 stations, 130 bridge expansions and up to 46 grade separations.

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Pro-Russian rebels pass by destroyed Ukrainian military vehicles near the village of Novokaterynivka, Ukraine, on Tuesday. Ukrainian troops have over the past week suffered a string of major military losses, losing large swathes of territory and having hundreds of soldiers captured. SERGEI GRITS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine military takes heavy casualties amid tough talk by Russia

Offensive intensifies.
Report reveals Putin said he could take Kyiv 'in two weeks' as Obama, other NATO leaders plan summit to address threat

Quoted

"First they drove people to hunger, and now they've driven them to war. They call this an anti-terrorist operation, but this is a civil war. Brother killing brother."

Ukrainian soldier Anatoly Babchenko, captured Sunday by rebels, criticizing the government's perceived mismanagement of the war

The Ukrainian soldiers were an easy target as they launched a desperate run to safety. Pounded by a gauntlet of rocket shells, blown up in their vehicles, they died by the dozens.

In fields around the eastern Ukrainian village of Novokaterynivka, more than 30 army vehicles lay charred and pulverized into twisted piles of metal Tuesday — the result of a devastating weekend ambush by separatist forces.

The rout marked a major intensification in the separatists' offensive in eastern Ukraine — one that the government in Kyiv, NATO and the U.S. say has been sustained by Russia's direct military support.

Moscow's aggressive stance toward Ukraine has come in both words and deeds of late, fuelled by attacks like those in Novokaterynivka as well as a leaked report that EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said Vladimir Putin told him Russia could take over Kyiv "in two weeks" if it wished.

The separatists, after having a month of setbacks in which government troops regained territory, have been inordinately successful in the last 10 days just as columns of Russian tanks and armoured vehicles have been seen crossing the border. U.S. President Barack Obama and other NATO leaders will be attending a summit in Wales on Thursday to create a rapid-response military team to counter the Russian threat.

Yuri Ushakov, Putin's foreign policy adviser, told reporters that the Russian leader's statement on Kyiv was "taken out of context and carried a completely different meaning."

Yet on the ground, the results of much deadlier weapons of war could not be denied.

The smashed tanks, APCs and trucks were part of a massive column fleeing Saturday night after being encircled in the town of Ilovaisk, which the government was compelled to concede after weeks of bitter battles.

Judging by how close together the stricken vehicles were, the incoming fire was precise and extremely intense.

"They were going to surrender and they began to bomb them," said Novokaterynivka resident Anatoly Tyrn.

Villagers and the Russian-backed rebels say the number of Ukrainian military dead was huge, although the government has maintained a tight lid on the precise figure.

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60-year-old man is back at school, studying cancer that killed his wife

University of Alberta student. Powel Crosley is the oldest in his classes and at times has been mistaken for a professor

Powel Crosley at a research lab in Edmonton in July. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Powel Crosley was lost after his wife died of a rare form of ovarian cancer. But he felt compelled to carry on her fight somehow against the disease and to help find a treatment for others — so he went back to school.

The 60-year-old, whose long grey hair is often pulled back in a ponytail, has been enrolled at the University of Alberta as an undergrad student since 2010.

It wasn't easy for Crosley to sit in a classroom again. He took introductory courses in biochemistry and oncology. Then one of his profs asked him to do lab research alongside masters and doctoral students.

Recently, the science rookie was awarded $60,000 in grants to keep studying granulosa cell tumour of the ovary, otherwise known as GCT, which accounts for about five per cent of ovarian cancer cases. He will spend the next two years working on the project that involves testing a new drug developed at the University of Illinois for use against other cancers. So far, he says, its results against GCT have been encouraging.

Powel Crosley and wife Sladjana pictured in a handout photo.
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Crosley, originally from Buffalo, N.Y., says he was working for a consulting firm in Oak Ridge, Tenn., when he met Sladjana Milenkovic, who had moved to his home town from Serbia. The two quickly bonded over their love of the Buffalo Bills football team.

In 1996, Sladjana went to hospital with abdominal pain. Doctors removed a mass on one of her ovaries and informed her she had GCT.

Three years later, after the couple had moved to New Zealand, the GCT returned. It did so again and again, even after several major surgeries.

Crosley says that during her illness, his wife couldn't find out much about the disease, so she established the Granulosa Cell Tumour Research Foundation and posted information on its website for others.

She died in 2009 at 58.

Crosley took over the foundation. He weighed options for schools so he could learn more about cancer and settled on Edmonton. He and his wife had visited the city before on business trips and liked it — even in the winter.

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Plane passengers turn on each other

Packed in like sardines.
As everything from leg room to toilets shrinks on planes, people are taking out their anger on fellow fliers

Squeezed into tighter and tighter spaces, airline passengers appear to be rebelling, taking their frustrations out on other fliers.

Three U.S. flights made unscheduled landings in the past nine days after passengers got into fights over the ability to recline their seats. Disputes over a tiny bit of personal space might seem petty, but for passengers whose knees are already banging into tray tables, every inch counts.

It's getting to the point where the pre-flight safety videos need an additional warning: Be nice to your neighbour.

The International Air Transport Association calls unruly passengers "an escalating problem," saying there was one incident for every 1,300 flights in the past three years. To boost their profits, airlines have been adding more rows of seats to planes in the past few years.

Southwest and United both took away one inch from each row on certain jets to make room for six more seats. American is increasing the number of seats on its Boeing 737-800s from 150 to 160. Delta installed new, smaller toilets in its 737-900s, enabling it to squeeze in an extra four seats. And to make room for a first-class cabin with lie-flat beds on its transcontinental flights, JetBlue cut one inch of leg room for coach passengers.

Airlines say passengers won't notice because the seats are being redesigned to create a sense of more space. Southwest's seats have thinner seatback magazine pockets, Alaska Airlines shrank the size of tray tables, and United moved the magazine pocket, getting it away from passengers' knees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Losing elbow room, too

84%

Passengers aren't just losing leg room; they're losing elbow room. Airlines in the U.S. sold 84 per cent of their seats on domestic flights so far this year, up from 81 per cent five years ago and 74 per cent a decade ago, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. That means there are fewer and fewer empty middle seats on which passengers can spread out.

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A privileged New Yorker ends up in a women's prison when a past crime catches up with her in this Emmy-winning series from the creator of "Weeds."
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Don't want everyone to know you've watched I Don't Know How She Does It?

This screenshot provided by Netflix shows what the viewer will see when subscribers recommend movies and TV shows to their Facebook friends. Until now, Netflix subscribers linking the service to their Facebook accounts automatically disclosed everything they were watching with a potentially wide-reaching range of people. The automatic disclosures ended Tuesday. A menu of friends culled from Facebook will appear after Netflix subscribers finish watching a video if they have turned on the sharing feature. NETFLIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Redlining'

Bank avoided giving loans to blacks: Lawsuit

A bank purposely avoided giving mortgages to African-Americans by locating all of its branches outside black neighbourhoods and directing advertising and loan products toward largely white communities, New York's attorney general said in a lawsuit filed Tuesday as part of a wider investigation into an illegal practice known as redlining.

Evans Bank is accused in the federal civil complaint of violating federal, state and local housing and discrimination laws, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said at a news conference in Buffalo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Greenrush'

High demand for medical marijuana licences in Canada

The number of Canadian firms applying for lucrative medical marijuana licences has topped 1,000, as a so-called "greenrush" continues to overwhelm Health Canada.

So far, only two new licences have been approved this summer, even as the department tightens the application rules.

Health Canada says that as of Aug. 25, it had received 1,009 formal licence applications to grow medical weed since a call for proposals was issued last year, with 462 returned as incomplete, 201 rejected and 32 withdrawn. That still leaves almost 300 applications being assessed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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HIPSTERS THAT ACTUALLY DESERVE THE HATE

JUST SAYIN'
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What with celebrity selfies and Vladimir Putin, you probably didn't think the world could get much weirder.

That's because you don't know about nipsters.

Allow me to plug your knowledge gap.

Nipsters are Nazi hipsters. As Vladimir Putin is Nikita Khrushchev 2.0, so nipsters are an update on neo-Nazi skinheads. Instead of jack boots and swastika armbands, nipsters sport skinny jeans, coloured glasses, messenger tote bags and beards.

You can watch German nipsters doing the Harlem Shake on YouTube, flashing signs that encourage the viewer to have unprotected sex with Nazis, which sounds so ... unclean.

Other signs in the video deplore multiculturalism, so it's clear that the unreconstructed hearts of xenophobes continue beating to a goose-stepping rhythm, with a little hip hop thrown in to bring things up to date.

Nipsters also favour animal rights and support environmental causes. There's even a neo-neo-Nazi vegan cooking show featuring two guys in the kitchen wearing balaclavas.

Rolling Stone published the full lowdown on nipsters earlier this summer in an article titled Heil Hipster: The Young Neo-Nazis Trying to Put a Stylish Face on Hate.

It's mainly based on an interview with a founder of the movement, Patrick Schroeder. Everything's on-trend about Patrick. He has his own webcast where he blends pop culture into hate culture in a way that is supposed to appeal to mainstream right-wing lunatics. In fact, he says, "If the definition of the nipster is someone who can live in the mainstream, then I see it as the future of the movement." He dismisses North American neo-Nazis as dressed up for a costume party. No style.

Despite the user-friendly front, Schroeder's ideological observations are distinctly paleo. He calls Barack Obama America's "neger president" and tells Rolling Stone journalist Thomas Rogers that black people don't belong in Germany because it's "against nature. There's a reason we're not walking around in the sun, in Ghana, with our skin colour."

All this would be horribly amusing if it weren't for the fact that racism is on the rise in Europe. And in echoes of Nazi Germany, according to the European Agency for Fundamental Rights, up to 90 per cent of all hate crimes in the European Union go unreported because respondents are afraid of social ostracism. It's OK to spout nipster nonsense, but it's not OK to report it?

Nipsters aren't the only xenophobic fungus growing on European culture. Recent anti-Semitic riots in France and Germany, on the surface a response to the Israel-Gaza conflict, have an ugly undercurrent of racism.

It's quite the monster mash-up. Hate is an equal opportunity disease. Fortunately, an effective vaccine exists. Love is all you need, and by love we don't mean unprotected sex with a Nazi.

Bárðarbunga-bunga

In this aerial view, fountains of lava, up to 60 metres high, spurt from a fissure in the ground on the north side of the Bárðarbunga volcano in Iceland on Tuesday. STEFANO DI NICOLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Icelandic volcano starts to chill out after eruption

Experts say the seismic activity near the Bárðarbunga volcano in Iceland is calming down as tall fountains of fire and lava continue to lick the air along a volcanic fissure, producing a huge plume of steam and gas.

A massive white cloud some 4.5 kilometres tall was rising above the fissure eruption in the Holuhraun lava field north of the Dyngjujoekull glacier on Tuesday. No ash fall has been detected.

Iceland's meteorological agency said the lava eruption appears to be less active compared to the previous day.

Thousands of small earthquakes have rocked the region in recent days, leading to concerns that Bárðarbunga, which lies under a vast glacier, could erupt.

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By the numbers

300

The number of earthquakes in the area near the volcanic eruption on Tuesday. This is down from 500 on Monday.

MetroTube

He's not happy about September, either

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Bad news, everybody. It's September — back to school for some of us, back to layers for all of us. So it's understandable that you might want to follow Benny the Bulldog's lead here and poke your head out of your long-weekend hole this morning and play peekaboo with pending autumn. (Benny The Bulldog/YouTube)

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: 'Squirrel whisperer' Mary Krupa got Sneezy the Penn State Squirrel to pose for this very scholarly looking photo. Who would you send back to school?

@MrsMiggins1969: All the politicians who cut funding to schools and a increase class sizes. Let's see if they still think it's a good idea.

@friesron: Rob Ford. #nufsaid

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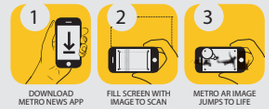

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Dynamic duo Greenwood and Egoyan rock the movie screen

A history of hits.
Whether the script's about lap dancing or a kidnapped child, these two can be trusted to deliver movie magic

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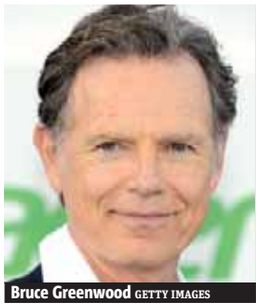

Bruce Greenwood GETTY IMAGES

Bruce Greenwood first met director Atom Egoyan in a singles bar. "Atom was alone in the corner and I felt sorry for him," says Greenwood. "We were introduced by a mutual friend."

That was in the early 1990s, when Egoyan was on the brink of international acclaim as a director and Greenwood was a film and television star with a handful of movies and recurring roles on St. Elsewhere and Knots Landing under his belt.

That chance meeting led to their first film together, Exotica, a study of loneliness and desire in a lap-dancing club that Roger Ebert called "a deep, painful film" in his four-star review.

"We became good friends during that process," said Greenwood, "and in the ensuing years."

Three years later the pair collaborated on The Sweet Hereafter, an adaptation of the novel of the same name by Russell Banks about the effects of a tragic bus accident on the population of a small town. Greenwood earned a Genie Award nomination playing a grieving father and in 2002 readers of Playback voted it the greatest Canadian film ever made.

Next was a small role in Ararat, Egoyan's story of a young man whose life is changed during the making of a film about the Armenian genocide, and then, in 2013, a cameo in Devil's Knot. Greenwood played a judge in Egoyan's retelling of the events leading up to the West Memphis Three murders and the "Satanic panic" that fuelled the hysteria surrounding the subsequent trial of teenagers Jessie Misskelley Jr., Damien Echols and Jason Baldwin.

Director Atom Egoyan's new psychological thriller, The Captive, centres around a child kidnapping. CONTRIBUTED

These days Greenwood is best known for his work as Capt. Christopher Pike in the 2009 Star Trek film and its sequel, Star Trek Into Darkness, but he's not too busy in Hollywood — the Quebec-born actor has lived in Los Angeles since the late 1980s — to reteam with his Canadian cohort.

In Egoyan's new psychological thriller, The Captive, Greenwood joins stars Ryan Reynolds, Scott Speedman, Rosario Dawson and Mireille Enos in a story of a child kidnapping. Egoyan says he and Greenwood share a shorthand that makes for easy work on set.

As for Greenwood, he says he trusts the director, "more than anyone I've ever worked with. He can ask me to do anything and if my initial instinct is 'Oh no,' it ends up being the right idea. He's a tremendous guy."

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An upbeat explosion of pure pleasure

New Pornographers. Is Brill Bruisers the Canadian supergroup's best record yet? Carl Newman thinks so

A.C. Newman, left, and Kathryn Calder of the New Pornographers promote the band's new album. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Everything about the New Pornographers' new album seems designed to seize your attention, from the playful DayGlo cover to the sparkly, maximalist power-pop cupcakes contained therein.

Brill Bruisers is the Canadian supergroup's sixth album, another winner in a remarkably rock-steady run.

But in an industry built on riding the shiny and new, consistency can be confused for monotony — and after 14 years of precision pop craftsmanship, it's natural that mastermind Carl Newman would want to stand out.

"Our narrative — maybe it's just an old narrative and people are sick of it — but when you look at our band, we're not your average band," Newman mused during a recent chat. "It's like, Kathryn (Calder)'s my niece. Look at everybody involved with it — the fact that Neko (Case) is in the band, or like, Destroyer's in the band ... Are we that boring of a band? It seems like we have a lot more going on than most bands do."

It would be fair to conclude that Brill Bruisers was infused with a new level of conscientious ambition.

It's a foghorn blast to the ear for anyone who might have become fatigued with the band and its steady goodness over its long run.

Although the group's past two records — 2007's Challengers and 2010's Together — allowed a hike to their highest-yet peaks on the U.S. charts (the latter opened at No. 18), they were also relatively docile efforts, viewed to some extent as "mature."

That trend continued with Newman's mellow 2012 solo record, Shut Down the Streets. Reviews for the three albums weren't negative, but they were restrained.

That last album was borne from a time in Newman's life marked by the death of his mother and birth of his son (Calder's mother also died from ALS during this period).

So the pleasure explosion that is Brill Bruisers didn't happen by accident. Newman says he emerged from that time looking to make an "upbeat" record and was resolute in sticking to that goal.

"I think I said a while back that I didn't want any ballads on the record, and I think it was for that reason," said Newman. "Not that every song had to be really upbeat and rocking, but I wanted the record to have a certain sound ... I just wanted it to have a very specific feel."

Asked if the arrival of his baby son has affected the way he works, he doesn't hesitate.

"I think it's made me try harder," he said. "You're working for something. And it makes me not want to rest on my laurels. Not that I did before, but I want him to grow up thinking, 'My dad is a musician.' I don't want him to grow up thinking, 'My dad used to be a musician.'

"So I think it's important to me that the music I'm making now is as good if not better than anything I've done before."

Newman is confident Brill Bruisers meets that standard.

"It almost worries me — like, why do I think this record is so good?" he said. "Because I feel like it's our best record. And I feel like I never thought that before." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It's important to me that the music I'm making now is as good if not better than anything I've done before."

Carl Newman, New Pornographers, on the band's new album Brill Bruisers

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Years-old injury still bringing George pain

George Clooney is still feeling the effects of a back injury he suffered on the set of Syriana almost 10 years ago and recently visited a hospital in Dusseldorf, Germany, to address the ongoing pain, according to E! News. "George arrived at the clinic Friday morning and had a series of tests with the clinic's top neurosurgeon, Dr. Ralf Buhl," a source says. "Buhl specializes in non-invasive methods, which lessen the need for surgery." The injury is believed to have caused ongoing spinal cord problems and bad headaches. See? So it's not necessarily just the Daily Mail that's made him so grumpy lately.

Miley still loves Liam Hemsworth (and weed)

Miley Cyrus may have broken off her engagement to Liam Hemsworth almost a year ago, but that doesn't mean she doesn't still have feelings for the Australian actor. "I love Liam. Liam loves me," she tells Australia's Sunday Night during an interview. Of course, she might just be saying that because she doesn't want to upset any Australians on their home turf.

On the more controversial topic of her open indulgence in drugs and alcohol, Cyrus gets a bit defensive: "I put pictures of me smoking weed, I'm not going to lie, on my Instagram," she says. "I don't promote it in my songs or whatever, but it's not like I'm sitting around telling a bunch of kids to do a bunch of drugs."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

'I do not have a perfect body,' says Charlize. Yeah, right.

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Metro in Hollywood

We've been thinking a lot about famous women's bodies this week, obviously, so here's some food for thought to go with all that virtual ogling. Oscar winner Charlize Theron, generally regarded to be pretty darn beautiful, has a few flaws.

"I do not have a perfect body," she tells Modern Luxury magazine. "I'm always finding things I can work on, but I definitely reached a point where I feel comfortable and happy with the way my body looks." Oh, good. I was worried. I mean, if she can't feel comfortable with how she looks, what hope do the rest of us have?

"I like to think I am a woman who is comfortable (with) and celebratory of my strengths and indulges in the qualities that make me feel beautiful," she says, apparently not done yet.

"I definitely am not one of those people that is constantly counting calories and doesn't allow myself to enjoy food — I love food. But I just try to be mindful of what I eat and be good to myself."

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go be good to myself with this deep-dish pizza.

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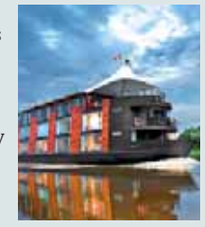

Time was, going on a cruise was something your parents did for their anniversary or when they retired. Nowadays, not only are cruises more family-friendly and more getaway oriented, they are also becoming more adventurous, with smaller ships now all the rage, sending thrill-seekers down jungle rivers, across glaciers and up the sides of cliffs. Polar bear photo ops? Poi-making classes? Grab a few friends and sign yourself up. Visit sites like AquaExpeditions.com, Un-Cruise.com, AdventureCanada.com and QuarkExpeditions.com to get inspired. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

How-to

Bring baby along for the ride

Maribel Cubillas, Baby Concierge at Grand Velas Riviera Maya, Mexico (velasresorts.com), has these tips on how best to travel with your baby:

1. Make a very detailed packing list (even if you don't think you need to), writing down everything from the basics to weather-appropriate clothes.
2. Resist the urge to pack the entire nursery. Resorts worth their salt will have larger items like high chairs, usually at no charge. Ask them before leaving home.
3. Pack more of things you likely won't be able to buy.
4. Take advantage of the babysitting services at your resort, so you can have at least one romantic dinner for two. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

New Zealand: Where the rich go to play

New Zealand, Chile, Indonesia and pretty much all of Central Europe are among the most popular emerging destinations for the world's most affluent travellers, according to a newly released report by a luxury travel network. According to Virtuoso, New Zealand is enjoying a particularly strong surge in interest among the world's richest travellers, recording a nearly 200 per cent growth in visits from the network's richest clients over 2013. Chile and Indonesia are also on the wealthy traveller's radar this year more than last, with growth recorded at 103 per cent. Countries in Central Europe including Hungary, Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic have also experienced a surge in interest and visits among the world's richest travellers. Virtuoso is represented by 340 travel agencies around the world that specialize in luxury travel. The report reveals where the affluent will be travelling throughout the remainder of 2014. Perennial favourites Italy, the U.K. and France are the most popular travel destinations for the world's richest globetrotters. Overall, travel to Europe is up by 23 per cent compared to last year.

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Celebrations

Welcome fall with these fun fests

ON THE MOVE
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There are a wide variety of fairs and festivals across the country celebrating the best that autumn has to offer.

Nothing says fall like changing leaves, fairs and community festivals. ISTOCK

British Columbia

The town of Agassiz, B.C. is holding its annual Fall Fair and Corn Festival the weekend of Sept. 12 and 13. Now in its 110th year, this quintessential fall fair — located an hour's drive east of Vancouver — typically attracts more than 10,000 people from across the province. In addition to expected favourites such as the parade, midway and antique tractor pull there are some unique events such as the lawn mower races and the crowning of the Corn King and Queen.

Prince Edward Island

The Prince Edward Island Fall Flavours Festival runs from Sept. 5 through 28. Highlighting the tastes of the island, the festival is peppered with 10 signature events hosted by popular Food Network personalities including chefs Lynn Crawford and local favourite Michael Smith. In addition, crowd-pleaser events like the Great Island Grilled Cheese Challenge offers visitors an interactive and tasty way to experience Canada's smallest province.

Quebec

The 17 vineyards along Quebec's Brome-Missisquoi Wine Route are gearing up for a wine harvest festival from Sept. 13 through to Oct. 6. Located near Dunham, Que., this up-and-coming wine region will offer visitors wine tastings, guided tours, and the opportunity to pick grapes with the winemaker. Accommodations and restaurants of the "Amis de la Route des vins" are on board with great deals and specially prepared dishes highlighting the area's regional flavours.

Nova Scotia

If you are more in the mood to sing and dance, consider a visit to Nova Scotia for the 18th annual Celtic Colours festival. For nine days in October, Cape Breton Island comes alive with music. From concerts and dances, to workshops and community suppers, the festival offers a range of events against the island's gorgeous autumn backdrop. Among the artists participating this year: Natalie MacMaster, J.P. Cormier and Mary Jane Lamond. In addition to the 46 concerts in the festival lineup, there are more than 200 community cultural experiences scheduled in every corner of the island.

New Zealand a perfect

Spiritual trip. Epically ethereal landscapes and a history drenched in mythology make this island nation a must for meditators

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metro AR New Zealand's beauty can bring out the spiritual in visitors. Scan this image with your Metro News app to see pictures of a journey through New Zealand that's guaranteed to stir the soul. ERIC LINDBERG

In his stout workboots and black oilskin duster, Bill Matthews looks more like a sheep rancher than a Maori sage and storyteller. Yet, by the time he has collected me at the Copthorne Hokianga Hotel and we've arrived at a dizzying lookout over Hokianga Harbour near the tip of New Zealand's North Island, he has summoned the ancient world of the country's first peoples — his ancestors — and brought to life their legends of creation and conquest.

At the verge of the fabled Waipoua Forest — a primeval rainforest and sanctuary for the vast, native Kauri trees — twilight is now filtering through the silver ferns, symbol of New Zealand and as big as rooftops.

When we finally meet the forest celebrities, Te Matua Ngahere (Father of the Forest) and 2,000-year-old Tane Mahuta (Lord of the Forest), it's full dark, and Bill's stories of the Maori's journey from their mythical homeland of Hawaiki, their discovery of Aotearoa, the Land of the Long White Cloud, and even of how Tane Mahuta created the world seem as real as the nighttime calls of the tui and kiwi, and as divine as smouldering kauri resin.

Think of a spiritual journey, and you might first think of the mystical destinations of India or the Holy Land. Increasingly, however, seekers of renewal, enlightenment and self-discovery are drawn to New Zealand — a land of epically ethereal landscapes, rich mythological history and soul-satisfying remoteness.

It's not surprising, really, that the misty ranges, bubbling hot springs and vast forests that were such inherently sacred sites for the Maori have, in more recent years, inspired and attracted pilgrims of all spiritual stripes.

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The largest kauri tree in the world, Tane Mahuta. JAMES HEREMALA

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site for soul-searching

If you go...

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Dozens, if not hundreds, of spiritual retreats in New Zealand offer solace to almost every seeker. Just a few:

- **Wangapeka Study & Retreat Centre.** A Buddhadharma retreat since 1975, it welcomes seekers from all spiritual backgrounds to meditation and study programs. wangapeka.org
- **The St. Francis Retreat Centre.** A ministry of the Franciscan Friars, it was built in 1939 and for the past 20 years has opened itself to people of different faiths for retreats, days of prayer and spiritual guidance.
- **Zen Institute of New Zealand (Mountains and Rivers Order).** Holds dharma discussions (mondo), meditation retreats (sesshin), workshops and public talks. mro.org/smr/newzealand/
- **The Anahata Yoga Retreat.** Dedicates itself to mindfulness and personal growth through a wide variety of yogic practices including Hatha, Jnana, Karma, Mantra, Satyananda, Mouna, Raja and more. anahata-retreat.org.nz

sense of spirituality and calmness," says Paula Ryan, co-creator of the new, 21-acre Aro-Ha Wellness Retreat near Queenstown.

Although it's been open less than a year and hosts a maximum of 20 guests at once, Aro-Ha is making international waves for its luxury accommodation, rigour (paleo-based vegan cuisine) and permaculture (a focus on ecological, sustainable design).

At Aro-Ha, "every guest has a personal experience and they all leave feeling increased objectivity and more clarity," says Ryan.

In addition to mindfulness and other spirituality sessions, Aro-Ha focuses on nutrition and what it calls wellness adventures: subalpine hiking, strength training, kayaking and twice-daily yoga sessions.

Further north and overlooking New Zealand's most populous city, the Auckland Zen Garden offers an entirely different landscape, but a similarly contemplative experience, personalized for each guest. Owner Johnny Leung, who designed the 75-acre Garden with rippling streams, private lodges and contemplative walks in the ancient Kyoto style, says he wants guests to "feel close to the sky and heaven."

In addition to yoga and meditation sessions, a maximum of 14 guests take part in two- to four-day retreats complete with the services, if desired, of psychiatrists and "soul consultants," who guide individuals seeking to reset their priorities or make major life changes, says Leung.

Interestingly, one of Aro-Ha's guests used almost identical language: "Aro-Ha isn't a life saver; it's a life changer."

But Bill Matthews showed that quests for perspective, insight and priority aren't necessarily new. As we left Waipoua Forest, he leaned over, felt the ground for a kauri seed, and presented it to me with a traditional ancient Maori message. "You are a seed. Even though you are small, you have value."

Maori Immersion

Museums, cultural centres and special events throughout New Zealand will give you a great introduction to Maori history and culture, but if you want to jump in feet first, check out Potiki Adventures.

The company is the passion and brainchild of Bianca Ranson of Waiheki Island, who started it 10 years ago when she was just 24 and has since won a clutch of awards for it.

Her aims: to further Maori traditions among Maori youth, and also to give Pakeha (non-Maori people) a hands-on experience of Maori activities, perspectives and spirituality. Guests stay in the Marae, a traditional ancestral meeting house, visit historical paa (power) sites and participate in activities such as flax weaving, poi-making and mau rakau (martial arts).

For more information: potikiadventures.co.nz

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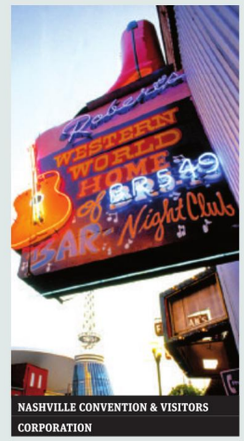

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Go for the music and stay for the food, or vice versa — whichever gets you down to famed Music City, which fully embraces its country roots while making plenty of room for the new, raw talent. The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is a must-visit, as is the Johnny Cash Museum and Ryman Auditorium, the winter home of the Grand Ole Opry (from November to February). This may also be your first and only chance to visit an actual honky tonk, and Lower Broadway is full of them, brimming with country, western, folk, bluegrass, gospel, zydeco and rock. The city's emerging food scene is starting to see some ink in the national magazines, featuring way more than just the southern comfort fare. Visit now while the crowds are down and the Predators are in action. Keep an eye out for Dolly. Head to Nashville.com and VisitMusicCity.com.

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As a special end-of-summer gift to our readers, Metro brings you the first chapter of The Afterlife of Stars, the newest book by award-winning author Joseph Kertes. Over the next three days, we will be introduced to the Beck brothers, two young boys grappling with the world around them as Russian tanks roll into Budapest during the final days of the Hungarian revolution. In **Part 2** of four, the Beck family has an encounter with Russian soldiers in their home.

The Afterlife of Stars

There was a pounding at the door, quite a commanding one, and we all looked out that way, as if to interpret what it meant. We followed my father into the vestibule and huddled behind him, except for my brother, who stood by his side. It was Attila who opened the door. A man, a soldier the size of a tree, stood outside. He had such an overgrowth of beard, he could have supplied a whole room of teenagers with all the tufts they needed. He barked something at us in Russian. The red star gleamed from his furry officer's cap. He barked something again, and Judit squeaked and held her stomach.

The tree man paused, but then he parted us and stepped up to Judit. He looked at her, gazed down at her belly, then bent down to listen there. No one knew what to do. He pointed a long brown finger at her abdomen. Andras looked ready to lunge at the Russian, and so did my brother behind him. Judit whimpered.

The man laughed as he straightened all the way up again. His mouth was like a jewel box, full of gold and glitter. He pushed past us and marched straight to our empire clock on the sideboard in the front room as if he knew where it was. We followed him, and he waited for us to gather. He pointed to the clock, circled his long brown finger a number of times past the twelve and motioned that we were all to leave. Then, to our relief, the officer marched out again and slammed the door.

"We have until three o'clock," our father said to us, "and then we have to be gone."

"For how long?" I asked him.

"We don't know," my grandmother said gently.

"For about two centuries," Attila said, "before we check back in with them."

"What do you mean?"

"They want us to get out," Andras said. "Not out of the country. We're not supposed to leave the country, not *allowed*, actually. We're just supposed to find other lodgings somewhere."

"But we're not doing that," Attila said.

"Be quiet," our father said.

metro AR "One solitary picture still hung on the wall among the ghostly rectangles. It was a drawing done by my brother of a Spitfire fighter plane tearing through the skies ..." Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a video of Joseph Kertes talking about his new book! ISTOCK

Judit whispered, "We can't leave now." I could hardly hear her.

"We have to," her husband said. "Now is our only chance. The Hungarian rebel army is rising up. There are breaks in the border. It's the only time."

"But Andras ..." our grandmother said, putting her arm around Judit.

My brother looked straight at me. "We're leaving," he insisted. "Forever. I told you — we're going west."

"Why can't we just get the Russians to like us instead?" I asked.

Attila shook his head. "Lambkin, you're not too bright." But my remark made Judit tear up. She embraced me and kissed me on the head before leaving with Andras.

The Russian was back within an hour, and he brought other soldiers with him, two women and one man. But the original one with the beard was obviously overseeing the proceedings. They moved through our home more like movers than invaders. They acted as if we weren't there. From the china cabinet, they gingerly removed Herendi porcelain cups, saucers and platters and a silver sugar box and teapot, wrapping them in cloth before placing them in large canvas sacks. Attila and I watched from the sofa.

They took down the paintings one at a time, leaving rectangular blond ghosts in the gold wallpaper. The largest of these was called "Christmas, 1903." It depicted two old women dressed in dark coats and fur hats, one bent over a walnut secretary desk, writing a letter, the other looking out and down at us from the wall. Between them stood a potted Christmas tree on a table, festooned with bright ribbons and baubles and a star at the top. I always wondered why such a cheerful tree did not manage to spread its joy to the dark women in the parlor, who had most likely decorated it. Now the women were gone, together with their tree.

One solitary picture still hung on the wall among the ghostly rectangles. It was a drawing done by my brother of a Spitfire fighter plane tearing through the skies, spitting impressive bursts of fire. In the corner of the picture was the sun, and it too fired off spikes instead of rays of light. It was a sketch Attila had done in school, and our mother had had it framed in gold and hung over the gilded double-headed-eagle clock on the sideboard, which stood guard over the room. The fierce-looking bird was the emblem of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

I had done a picture I knew my mother would like too, a watercolor, but it was still at school. My teacher, Mrs. Molnar, had hung it up where the photographs of Stalin and Khrushchev hung, but on the opposite side of the clock. My painting featured a weeping willow. It was surrounded by impressionable trees, which also wanted to weep, so I gave them their own tears in many colors flying off the leaves. My classmate David thought the other trees might have been sweating after a run, but I explained my intent.

A year before, I had done another picture in crayon of sunflowers. It wasn't a field of sunflowers, exactly, but sunflower after sunflower, quite a few of them. My brother seemed to admire the picture. He said my flowers looked like the handiwork of God as a child, trying out designs for the sun. That wasn't my intent either. I don't know where that picture got to, exactly.

One of the Russian women carrying a canvas bag looked at the Spitfire twice as she passed by us. We watched her closely. She removed her snug army cap to reveal straw-colored hair tied back as tightly as the cap, giving her head the look of an onion. She paused by the drawing but moved on. The eagle watched with its four sharp eyes. On her third trip by, she picked up the eagle clock with a strong arm and wrapped it up like a mummy before bending over to make room for it in her heavy sack.

Attila watched the operation, kept glancing up at his own drawing in its precious frame, waited for her to leave our home with the sacks, and then tore off madly to our room.

I tiptoed to the dining room to see if the Russians had taken our bowl of rose cream chocolates. I cared less about the red crystal bowl than about the chocolates. They were still there. I wondered if it would be all right to sit at the table and steal a chocolate. I took a chance. I peeled the red foil wrapper off the delicacy and put it into my mouth whole, let its creamy sweet essence enjoy its new home. I didn't want to chew, to take a single bite. I put my cheek down on the cool surface of the dining room table. My grandmother had bought this table for my parents for their "wood" anniversary, she told me. She said it was made of walnut by Sebastyan Balaban, the famous furniture maker. He had told her it would last a thousand years. We had had it for eleven years, just 1.1 percent of its lifespan, meaning some nice Russian family could enjoy meals and chocolates off it for 989 more years. I took another chocolate to eat in my room and one for my brother.

But I had a second table to visit first. It was the round-topped pedestal table in the front room. It was the one I hid under when I was in turmoil. Made of heavy black maple and standing on beastly wooden lions' paws, it sat between two dainty ladies' lamps in all its manly glory. I ducked underneath. I wanted to sit in its darkness one last time. When I was much younger, I thought that this unlucky lion had grown a table-top instead of a head, but when my brother taught me the facts of life, I realized that a lion and a table had lain down together to make this child. I hoped it was the table that was the mother. I ran my fingers through the carved fur and the hard claws and said my goodbyes.

I heard something fall in the kitchen, but not a dish, because it didn't shatter. I jumped out and ran back to our room. I found my brother holding his june bug collection up to the light of the window before shelving it again. The collection had won him a science prize a couple of years back.

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Score a great job by getting organized

Feeling swamped?
Don't let a lack of order sabotage your job search. All you need is a few simple tools

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Job hunting can be stressful. Whether you are a new grad looking for a career or a student in search of a part-time job, it can be hard to keep your applications straight — and your motivation high. Getting your job search (and those applications) organized is a great way to avoid confusion and stay on top of important deadlines.

Use spreadsheets
If you're actively applying to different jobs, you may have trouble keeping track of all the information you're juggling.

To begin organizing your job search, start with a spreadsheet or a blank document.

In this document, create headings that include the name of the place you applied to or contacted, the job title, the date you applied, who you applied to or how you applied, and any other important information as outlined in the job description. This spreadsheet will help you track everything pertinent to your job hunt.
Tip: Use this spreadsheet to save the descriptions of jobs you've applied to — you'll want that information to prepare for an interview.

Organize your applications
As you apply for new jobs, it's important to keep all your resumés and cover letters in one place, and keep them organized.

If you get a call back for an interview, you want to be able to bring copies of the cover letter and resumé you submitted for the job. Create a folder on your computer, and within that, create a new folder for every new job you apply to. Label your files appropriately with the job title and company applied to.
Tip: This seems obvious to an organized person — but it's an important step many job-seekers overlook.

Use your calendar
If you have a lot of job search momentum, it's easy to get dates confused, or overlook relevant follow-up dates. Marking key dates on your calendar is the best way to streamline your applications. When you submit an application, make note of any relevant dates, particularly the expected closing date or time-frame for hearing back from the employer. This step is crucial in making sure to follow up and reach out to recruiters in an appropriate time frame.
Tip: Some job descriptions clearly state to not follow up; make note of this.

Plan short- and long-term goals
It's easy to get tunnel vision when you're trying to hatch your career. As you plan and organize your applications and key dates, set aside some time to review your progress and identify new goal-setting opportunities. It's good to be prepared for unexpected setbacks, and having some key dates set aside as opportunities to rest and recharge is absolutely crucial to your continued success.
Tip: Planning your activities long-term will help you stay motivated if you don't meet with immediate job-search success.

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Get ready to ace this school year with these secrets to post-secondary success

Go beyond the classroom. Making the most out of these years is about more than just grades

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Whether you're heading into your first-ever round of post-secondary education or returning to school for even more time in the classroom, it's important to start with a strong foundation. There's a lot of new information to absorb, and you may find it all a little overwhelming. Not really sure how to make the best of the next few years? Start with these steps.

Get organized

As a new student, this post-secondary adventure may be the first time you've had to learn without the structure of the school bell — or a high level of engagement from parents or peers.

If you're a returning student, you may have forgotten how easy it is to overlook key dates or lose track of important information. Find a method that helps you keep track of your class schedule and other commitments, whether it's an agenda, digital calendar, app or some combination of all three. Getting organized isn't just a good way to stay productive. It can also help you identify spare time you have left over for other activities.

Get involved

Your post-secondary experience will go by in a flash. Make the most of that time by getting involved — this experience can be incredibly valuable when you face the school-to-work transition.

Working on or off campus is a great way to gain some extra money while building work experience, while volunteer work can enable you to pursue a personal commitment and build new connections to your community.

Another way to get involved is to join or create a club. This is a good way to meet new people on campus while demonstrating some initiative and leadership.

Build relationships with your profs

You'll have many opportunities to make new friends at school, but don't forget to focus on building relationships in other areas, too.

Networking with instructors may sound like a task for a teacher's pet, but it's important to make connections outside of your peer group where you can. Connecting with your instructors can help you uncover promising positions (as a research assistant, for example) and position you for success if you plan on heading to grad school.

Your profs aren't just teachers — they're also potential networking contacts, who may be helpful when it comes to grad-school plans or even your future career. ISTOCK

Of course, your instructors teach hundreds (if not thousands) of students, so it's important to be mindful of their time. As with any effective networking, make sure you have a specific goal — and aren't wasting anyone's time or overstepping boundaries.

Attend on-campus events

Take a break from the books every now and then to get involved by participating in and attending on-campus events. This is a great way for you to meet new people and de-stress. Developing new interests and connecting with new people will expand your horizons and get a better sense of where you'd like to go in the future.

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Fresh tomatoes in salad spotlight

This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Grilled Chicken Panzanella Salad.

This dish makes a light dinner and allows you to switch up protein

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September is a great month to enjoy tomatoes in so many ways.

Cooking them up in a sauce or in a soup makes for easy meals, but one of my favourites is including them in salads. Putting together some family favourites creates a whole entree salad that everyone will love.

For this Grilled Chicken Panzanella Salad, my family prefers chicken thighs, but you can also use leftover chicken or turkey to speed up prep time.

If you are using leftover chicken or turkey, you will need about three cups (750 ml) chopped or shredded.

You can also substitute three to four boneless skinless chicken breasts for the thighs. Grill them for about 12 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

1. Toss chicken thighs with 1 tbsp of oil, and sprinkle with half each of the salt and pepper. Place on greased grill over medium-high heat and grill for about 10 minutes, turning once or until juices run clear. Place on cutting board and chop.

2. Toss bread with remaining oil, salt and pepper and spread onto baking sheet. Toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until bread is crispy and golden.

3. In bowl, combine tomatoes, cucumber, red and yellow peppers, onion, basil and capers, if using. Add chicken and bread; toss to combine.

4. Dressing: In bowl, whisk together vinegar, broth, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper. Drizzle over salad and toss well. Let stand 30 minutes before serving.

Ingredients

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper
- 4 cups (1 l) cubed crusty Italian bread
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 each red and yellow pepper, chopped
- Half red onion, thinly sliced (optional)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh basil, coarsely chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) capers, drained (optional)

Dressing

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) aged balsamic vinegar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper

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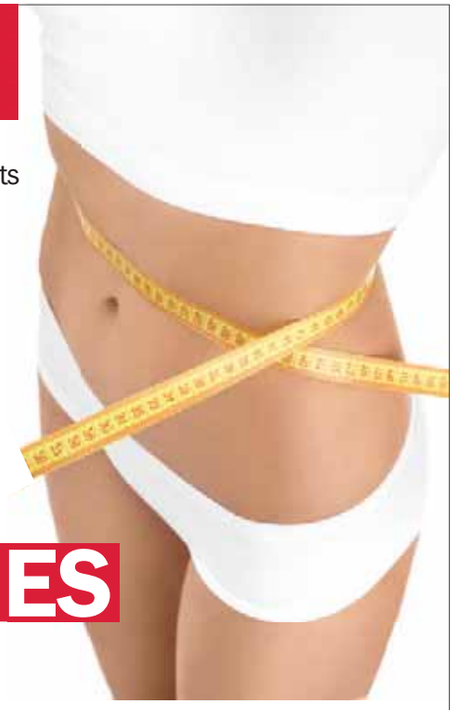

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The Blue Jays' Jose Reyes quieted the Rays with a three-run homer on Tuesday night in St. Petersburg, Fla. BRIAN BLANCO/GETTY IMAGES

Jays batter Rays

MLB. Toronto lays lumber on Tampa in opener of 3-game set

Jose Reyes hit a three-run homer, R.A. Dickey gave up two hits in seven innings and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-2 Tuesday night.

Reyes' ninth home run broke a 2-all tie in the fourth inning and sent the Blue Jays to their third win in a row.

On Tuesday

Blue Jays	Rays
8	2

Danny Valencia also homered off Rays starter Jeremy Hellickson (1-3). Pinch-hitter Dioner Navarro added a two-run shot off Cesar Ramos in the eighth.

Jose Bautista's streak of homering in five straight games ended, but he had two singles and an RBI for Toronto.

Dickey (11-12) gave up two runs, struck out six and walked three.

Dickey pitched at least six innings for the 13th time in 14 starts. Aaron Sanchez and Todd Redmond each pitched an inning of hitless relief.

The Rays got both of their hits and runs in the second. Yunel Escobar scored the second run on Kevin Kiermaier's sacrifice fly caught by Reyes, the shortstop, in short left field.

Reyes, who singled and scored in the third, had his 13th multiple-hit game in his last 29 games.

Hellickson gave up five runs on eight hits in 3-1/3 innings, the shortest of his nine starts since coming back from January elbow surgery.

A win on Wednesday or Thursday night would give the Blue Jays their first series victory at Tropicana Field since April 6-8, 2007.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pompey's rapid ascent lands him in the bigs

Kayla Pompey is not a baseball fan, so she can be forgiven for not immediately grasping what her brother Dalton was telling her Monday night when he delivered the news that he was getting called up to the big leagues.

"What does this mean?" she asked. "Are you going to play with that Lawrie guy?"

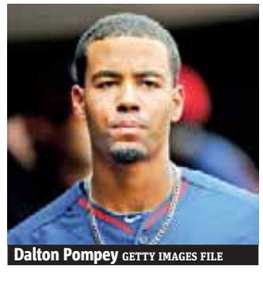
"Yeah, we're going to be on the same team!" Dalton told her, laughing at the surreality of it all as he recounted the exchange inside the visiting dugout at Tropicana Field before making his debut in a Blue Jays uniform.

Never mind that Brett Lawrie is sitting out the rest of the season with an oblique injury. The craziness still applies. Pompey, a 21-year-old switch-hitting outfielder who was born and raised in Mississauga, started the season in Class-A Dunedin — three levels below the majors — and, five months later, is joining the Jays, a fate he admits he "couldn't fathom" even as the news was delivered to him.

"When I think back to when I got drafted, I didn't really know if I was going to make it to the big leagues or not. Now I'm here and all my friends back home are like, 'Man, we're going to see you in like a week!' It's just unbelievable." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jays' roster moves

- **Reinstated.** RHP Brandon Morrow.
- **Recalled.** 2B Ryan Goins, OF Anthony Gose, RHP Kendall Graveman, LHP Sean Nolin, LHP Daniel Norris.
- **Contracts selected from Buffalo.** OF Dalton Pompey of Mississauga, C George Kottaras of Scarborough.
- **Placed on the 60-day DL.** 3B Brett Lawrie.
- **Designated for assignment.** OF Darin Mastroianni, 1B Matt Hague.
- **Released.** RHP Neil Wagner.



Dalton Pompey GETTY IMAGES FILE

U.S. Open

Federer smashes his way back into quarter-finals

Aside from a brief first-set blip, Roger Federer was rather dominant in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory over 17th-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain that put the five-time champion in the U.S. Open quarter-finals for the 10th time in 11 years.

Federer was broken only once, part of a three-game run for Bautista Agut that took the score from 5-1 to 5-4. But Federer had no trouble the second time he tried to serve out that set, which he ended with a pair of aces. The second-seeded Federer needed less than two hours to improve to 25-1 in night matches at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

A year ago, Federer lost in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEDs

Welker banned 4 games: Reports

Wes Welker is facing a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's performance-enhancing drug policy, according to published reports.

ESPN reported the violation had to do with amphetamines.

The Broncos didn't immediately return a message from The Associated Press requesting comment Tuesday.

NFL Media reported Welker was notified Tuesday he had lost his appeal, which was heard two weeks ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bills sale

Three groups in final phase to buy franchise: Sources

At least three groups, including Buffalo Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula, have entered final negotiations to buy the Buffalo Bills.

Three people close to discussions told The Associated Press on Tuesday that New York City real estate mogul Donald Trump and a Toronto-based group led by rocker Jon Bon Jovi also have received formal documents in advance of a deadline for bids to be submitted by Monday.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto FC deals with 'whirlwind' of changes

TFC's new head coach Greg Vanney leads his first practice as head coach on Tuesday.
ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Soccer. New coach Greg Vanney seeks to bring an air of calmness to the team

Toronto FC have proved they can move lightning-fast off the field.

Whether they can find that same quickness on the field with 10 games to go, and their first-ever MLS playoff spot on the line, is the new guessing game in town.

In a 30-hour period, they fired manager Ryan Nelsen, five assistants, replaced Nelsen with Greg Vanney, and entertained transfer offers for the team's leading goal scorer Jermain Defoe, only to proclaim that the striker is staying after all.

"It's been a whirlwind," Vanney, 40, said in an understatement after practice Tuesday.

American international Michael Bradley used a different terminology to describe what has happened.

"Crazy times," he said.

But the club couldn't erase all traces of the recent past that quickly. Nelsen's empty parking space with his name plate posted on a sign as "head coach" was still present in the parking lot Tuesday.

Vanney, who has no head coaching experience at this level (he is a former assistant coach at Chivas USA), seeks to bring a calmness to the team.

Vanney, in his second practice with the team, put the Reds through an attacking-style workout in preparation for a visit to Philadelphia on Wednesday and a home game Saturday (2 p.m.) against the same team.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Panic move'

Toronto FC shakeup 'alarming'

The president of one of Toronto FC's most passionate fan clubs called the team's dramatic shakeup on the weekend "alarming" with only 10 games left in the regular season.

Phil Tobin, president of the Red Patch Boys, suggested the firing of coach Ryan Nelsen and five assistants is a "panic move" by a team desperate to make the playoffs after making a big deal of its expensive off-season signings.

"This is one of the biggest moves in the history of Toronto FC," Tobin said.

Twitter lit up with Sunday's announcement and news organizations proclaimed the purge as the "Great Bloody Mess," a sarcastic twist on the "It's a Bloody Big Deal" slogan used by TFC to announce the signing of Jermain Defoe last winter.

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Als will have to wait

Michael Sam heading to Dallas

The Montreal Alouettes will have to continue waiting for Michael Sam.

Both The NFL Network and ESPN reported Tuesday the defensive end is heading to Dallas for a physical with the Cowboys. If Sam passes, he'd join the NFL team's practice roster.

Michael Sam
GETTY IMAGES

Sam is trying to become the NFL's first openly gay player. The 24-year-old was released Saturday by the St. Louis Rams and bypassed by the team for selection to its practice roster Monday.

Sam, a 2014 seventh-round pick by St. Louis, is on the Alouettes' negotiation list, giving them exclusive rights to the former Missouri star if he chooses to play professionally in Canada.

Montreal GM Jim Popp said he has reached out numerous times to Sam's representatives but, as of Tuesday, hadn't heard back from them.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Dream job.' Taking a different route to work for the Maple Leafs

Brandon Pridham was a teenager with the Collingwood Blues in Junior A hockey, fostering dreams of making it to the NHL like most of his friends.

Then he blew out his shoulder.

"My surgeon's advice, I'll always remember: 'You better hit the books,'" recalls Pridham, the newest assistant general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs. "That was the beginning of the end. But at 150 pounds at that time, it was probably always better to hit the books."

Pridham did make the NHL by hitting the books, taking kinesiology and marketing at York University before getting into sports marketing at George Brown College. He landed an internship with the league's retail licensing and marketing department.

Quoted

"I know this is a dream job as well. I had some discussions with my wife, and it didn't take long to accept this offer."

Brandon Pridham

Brandon Pridham TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

That was 15 years ago. The 40-year-old stayed there in his "dream job" — moving through central scouting and central registry — until his other dream job came calling: a gig with the Leafs.

It was team president Brendan Shanahan, aware of Pridham's expertise with the salary cap from their days in the league together, who made the initial call.

"I've always wanted to get to a club," says Pridham. "At the same time it was a tough decision in a lot of ways. It was a dream job there.

"I know this is a dream job as well. I had some discussions with my wife, and it didn't take long to accept this offer."

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2015 Honda Fit

- **Type:** Five-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback
- **Engine:** 1.5-litre inline four-cylinder (130 hp)
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual, continuously variable automatic (CVT)
- **Base price:** $16,163, including destination fee

Market position

Slight upscale position in compact hatchback segment, due to very flexible and large interior, afforded by unique centre-of-car positioning of gas tank. Seats fold in more permutations than a Swiss Army knife, to further expand the cargo-carrying possibilities.

Points

- Built at a new plant in Mexico. Previous models imported from Japan or China
- Easily the biggest and most flexible interior in its subcompact class
- Engine upgraded to direct-injection, DOHC and variable valve timing and duration
- Rear-view camera and Bluetooth now standard features

Inside, hard plastic bits have been replaced with soft materials.

Safety features

An IIHS top safety pick (the only small car to achieve an Acceptable rating in the small overlap frontal crash test), six airbags, side-curtain airbags have rollover sensors, stability and traction control, hill-start assist, available LaneWatch display and a multi-view rear-view camera with guidelines.

Still funky but a better Fit

Review. Honda's redesigned hatchback is less egg-shaped, boasts more power, features and leg room

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In the compact hatchback segment, the Honda Fit stuck out. Not quite like a sore thumb, because it's not ugly like a sore thumb. It's ugly more in an egg-shaped way.

That shape, combined with the unique positioning of its gas tank (underneath the driver's seat), helped it stick out some more — by creating the conditions for a cavernous interior for its size, and then by its so-called Magic Seat, which allows owners to exploit that space to marvellous effect.

When it came time to design an all-new Fit for 2015, Honda stuck with the program — enhancing the theme of interior versatility, while updating several items that were lacking and/or not up to expectations.

The automaker still managed to increase the cargo volume to 1,492 litres. This was accomplished by stretching the wheelbase, flattening the gas tank, and various other measures. Rear-seat leg room has been greatly increased, but at the expense of the cargo area.

When it came to engine tech, Honda threw the proverbial kitchen sink at this new 1.5-litre four-cylinder — direct injection, DOHC, high-end variable valve control systems, and even oil-jet piston cooling. It has more horses (130) and torque (114) yet manages to get better fuel efficiency than the engine it replaces.

The exterior style is less egg and more wedge, with a substantial lower body to suggest a more-planted road feel, which is definitely the case.

There is obviously more power, too, but the predominant first impression is one of vastly improved smoothness, sophistication and quiet.

You can still hear road noise and the engine — especially on the highway.

The interior is several notches better. The hard plastic bits have been replaced by softer materials, and the cabin is rendered in an elegant, modern design.

In the transformation to a more grown-up car, Fit lost some its teenage-like exuberance, which made you want to drive it hard and fling it about.

But the 2015 Fit is more capable in every criteria, and easily one of the best small hatchbacks on the market.

Compare

1 Ford Fiesta
Base price: $16,059
Drives well, lots of standard and available kit, rear seat a bit cramped.

2 Kia Rio5
Base price:$16,014
Rio5, and corporate cousin, Hyundai Accent, both offer good value and good looks.

3 Nissan Versa Note
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Follow these five tips to find the perfect used car for you.

- **Checkup.** A safety or certification isn't the same as a warranty. Get your prospective car inspected by a qualified mechanic.
- **Recalls.** A dealership can check for outstanding recall work, if you give them the VIN number.
- **Silence.** Turn off the radio and listen for unusual noises from under the hood or the car's body. Any clunking, rubbing or grinding is probably a sign of trouble.
- **Stop and roll.** Demand that the seller pay for new brakes and tires, if required.
- **Tune-up.** If you're not sure of the service history, budget for a full fluid change and tune-up, just to be safe. Your vehicle will reward you with more trouble-free operation.

2006-10 Kia Rio

Personality: Value-Minded
The Draw: Rio delivers upscale driving feel and a whack of features for the money. Owners enjoyed peppy performance, great headroom and good mileage.
Test Drive: Watch for "check engine" or "airbag" lights. If either or both are illuminated, determine why before buying. Other potential electronic issues include headlight or taillamp failure. Be sure the timing belt isn't overdue for a change, and if it is, budget for a replacement.

2006-13 BMW Mini Cooper

Personality: Fun-Loving
The Draw: With a priority on fun-to-drive dynamics and exceptional fuel mileage, the Mini Cooper is frisky, thrifty, cheeky and stylish. Manoeuvrability and outward visibility are great, too.
Test Drive: Confirm oil level and condition on all models, and be sure frequent, on-time oil changes were carried out if turbocharged. Take the car to a mechanic for a pre-purchase inspection, asking for advice on a potential timing-chain issue in early turbo models, and to check the water pump for signs of leaks.

2005-10 Chevy Cobalt/Pontiac G5

Personality: Great Deal
The Draw: These corporate twins were available in coupe or sedan versions with numerous powertrains. Owners gave them top marks for steering feel, ride comfort and athletic performance. Higher-than-average reliability and lower-than-average resale value make Cobalt and G5 a great student buy.
Test Drive: Some suspension components have worn out prematurely, so a good going-over by a mechanic is recommended. Your local GM dealership can check that all recall-related work has been performed. Be on the lookout for inconsistent performance from the steering, which could indicate a problem with the electric power steering system.

2006-11 Honda Civic

Personality: Reliable Sidekick
The Draw: Civic will appeal to students who like a sure bet, thanks to a decades-long reputation for reliability, durability and no-nonsense operation. Owners note great fuel mileage, plenty of space and storage, and a comfortable ride.
Test Drive: Listen to the suspension with the stereo and climate control off. A clunking or popping sound over bumps could indicate a worn-out component or an improperly installed 'bump stop' in the suspension. Although very rare, some owners of early models in this generation have reported head-gasket issues, so confirm that no oil is being burned, and that there are no signs of oil in the engine coolant, or vice versa.

2004-09 Mazda3

Personality: The Athlete
The Draw: Noted for sporty performance, upscale looks and its flexible hatchback variant (top photo), the Mazda 3 delivers above-average driving pleasure and style. Driving dynamics and comfort are highly rated by owners.
Test Drive: The audio display screen was known to fail over time, so be sure it's in proper working order. Note that tires are pricier on models with 18-inch wheels, so be sure they're in good shape. Check for clutch slippage with the manual transmission, and hard shifting from the automatic. If either is apparent, investigate why. A trip to a mechanic may save you a pricey repair bill. Investigate carefully for rust, especially underneath the doors and around wheel-wells.

What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We literally have no clue what he's bringing us until it lands in our driveway, but who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

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Love at first kiss for the CLA 250, despite a few glaring bad habits

Special delivery. The positives easily outweigh the negatives in this gorgeous entry-level Mercedes sedan

The Jupiter Red Mercedes CLA 250 is simply stunning, and one of the few test cars people have gone out of their way to compliment us on while driving. JEFF MELNYCHUK PHOTOS

The shade of this Mercedes should be a lipstick colour because I want to kiss it all day long.

Heck, I would kiss the CLA 250 no matter what colour it was and that's not overstating things one bit.

There are two signs that I'm in love with a car.

First, if I want to wash it. And I washed the CLA not once, but twice.

Second, if my heart breaks when Garry takes it away at the end of the week. I was literally crawling on my hands and knees on the asphalt calling out its name when Garry sped off. Broken heart. Sigh.

I also know I'm in love when I put up with quirks I wouldn't normally put up with. Happily so, even, just so I can get the good stuff. The CLA 250, especially in red, has a lot of good stuff — but also a few quirks.

As Mercedes' entry-level four-door sedan, the 250 doesn't look entry-level. It's just plain sexy. Kissable, even.

In base trim, at about $34,000, it's actually a bit basic, and the turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder only drives the front wheels with its 208 horsepower. Nothing too special here.

The CLA starts at $34,000, with a 2.0-L, 208-hp, four-cylinder engine.

The Sport Package adds dressy items like grey, 18-inch wheels.

The red car (Jupiter Red, according to Mercedes) that Garry dropped off is 4MATIC all-wheel-drive and has the AMG Sport Package that includes some dressy items and grey 18-inch wheels.

The car is simply stunning and one of the few cars people have gone out of their way to compliment me on while I'm driving.

Its gorgeousness actually overcomes a few glaring dislikes, the most significant being the gear-shift stalk on the steering column. On several occasions in the rain, I flicked it up thinking it was the wiper toggle. Messing with the gear lever at highway speeds? Not cool, as it turns out. Up means neutral.

The second thing is the soft throttle response in the lower rev range. Sometimes, you push the pedal and the car literally does nothing, which is not what you want when trying to make a left turn in oncoming traffic. Other times, it would dart around like a terrier on a loose leash.

In a word, unpredictable. And that doesn't inspire confidence.

The way around that, as you learn fairly quickly, is to keep the engine revs up and then manually shift with the steering-wheel-mounted paddles. If that's how you like to drive, then you're good to go. Otherwise, you'll need to build a delay factor into your driving.

The third thing is that as gorgeous as it is, there's no getting away from the fact the CLA 250 is punching a bit above its weight class, and it shows in a couple of places, most notably a cake-layer-like rubbery dash pad and a jutting information screen that looks like an afterthought.

Inside the cockpit, the CLA shows its entry-level roots, with its cake-layer dash pad and a jutting information screen that looks like an afterthought.

The lady in red

- **Wow.** Just look at it! Supermodel appearance on a family-sedan budget. Shifts great. Doors have no window frames, which cuts down on stabbing injuries.
- **Hmm.** Irritating gear-stalk placement, weak and unpredictable low-speed throttle response. Its hierarchy as a base model is not entirely masked. That display screen ... really?

However, the negatives are drowned out by the positives, which is kind of how things go when you're in love with someone, or something.

It drives great, looks even better and is priced on par with higher-end Ford Fusion and Toyota Camry models, which shouldn't worry more the mainstream brands, but will likely entice buyers looking for a little more romance from their automobile.

REVVED, BUT NOT READY

"Sometimes, you push the pedal and the car literally does nothing, which is not what you want when trying to make a left turn in oncoming traffic."

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Diesel sports car set to make tracks

The words diesel and sports car haven't often been linked in the minds of drivers, but new clean-burn diesel technology is changing that. Witness the recent global launch of the Trident Iceni, which it says is the world's fastest and most fuel-efficient diesel sports car. With a top speed of 320 km/h and the ability to run for 3,200 kilometres on a single tank of fuel, the Iceni uses torque multiplication technology to achieve its blend of speed, power and efficiency. Two new models were added in April: the Magna fastback and Venturer wagon. Prices start at $160,000. ALL STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM

The diesel-powered Iceni Magna claims to be the world's fastest and most fuel-efficient diesel sports car, with a top speed exceeding 320 km/h and the ability to run for 3,200 kilometres on a single tank of fuel.

BMW drives into new territory

Unlike BMW's 2 Series cars, which replace the outgoing 1 Series small cars, the Bavarian automaker's newly announced 2 Series Active Tourer is not just its first-ever front-wheel-drive model, but also its first to be powered by a three-cylinder engine. Designed to lay the groundwork for future front-wheel-drive models, writes technology magazine Gizmag, the Tourer shares many platform traits with Mini's next-gen Countryman model. (BMW owns the Mini brand.) The car will be similar in size to its Mini corporate cousin, but the Active Tourer "emulates many other design traits" from the wider tall wagon segment. The Tourer is to be launched in Europe this September and in other markets closer to 2015.

The new 2 Series Active Tourer brings several firsts to the BMW brand, including front-wheel-drive and a three-cylinder engine.

Shift points

- Audi is reportedly developing four-cylinder engines that will run as smoothly as, and have the power of, its six- and eight-cylinder powerplants, with fewer emissions. Britain's Autocar magazine says the design uses a non-conventional layout that avoids the internal forces that make normal four-cylinders feel rough.
- The 2014 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California saw Jaguar unveil its prototype Car Zero, which is the first of the remaining six of the all-aluminum lightweight E-Types that were first announced in 1963. Eighteen Lightweights were scheduled for production, but only 12 were ever built.
- Nissan's Micra four-door hatchback has finally come to North America. But, for the time being at least, it's for sale in Canada only, not in the United States.

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Material doesn't matter to pickup buyers, until they learn more

Many buyers of light-duty trucks don't care that the 2015 Ford F-150 is made mostly from aluminum, which saves 300-plus pounds of fuel-sucking weight, so long as performance isn't compromised. A study by research firm UBS found that 36 per cent of buyers didn't care what material their truck is made of, so long as it offers equal capability; 19 per cent preferred steel; 17 per cent a mix of steel and aluminum; three per cent preferred aluminum, and 25 per cent wanted more information, reports The Detroit News. But results changed significantly once buyers received more info: 52 per cent who intended to buy within six months said they're now "extremely likely" to consider the new aluminum-bodied 2015 F-150 when it goes on sale this fall.

Apparently not all that many people care what their truck is made of, as long as it gets the job done.

Excuse me, ma'am, your car is calling

The Nissan Leaf can tell its owners by phone how much the battery is recharged and how far the car will go on that charge. CONTRIBUTED

Driving Force. Nissan Leaf owners can connect with car online, and their cars can connect with them via email

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Most cars today will let you pair your phone to them, and then make or take calls to other people through the car's audio system. But there are a few vehicles that can also work the other way: Hook up your phone, and they'll call you.

One of these is the all-electric Nissan Leaf, which uses a telematics system called Carwings to receive and send information, which the driver accesses through a smartphone or dedicated website.

"The Leaf has a cellular connection," explains Preston Wong, development manager in the Connected Services department at Nissan Canada. "It uses that to connect to Nissan's data centre."

The Leaf reaches the data centre through the Rogers network to receive or forward information. Meanwhile, communication from the data centre to the car's owner goes out via the Internet. It doesn't matter what cell carrier the driver uses, as long as there's an Internet connection on the phone or laptop.

Through the mobile app, the driver can see how much the battery is charged and how far the car will go on that charge, including variations for whether the climate control is on or off.

The car can even send an email or text message to its owner when charging is complete, or a warning if power has been disrupted to the charging outlet.

Some functions can be controlled through the phone, as well.

If the car has already been plugged in, the driver can use the app to delay charging until later in the evening when rates go down, or start it immediately if the car will be needed sooner. It's also possible to set the climate control to pre-heat or pre-cool the cabin. These systems draw a lot of power, so running them while the car is still plugged in saves more stored electricity that can be used to drive farther between charges.

The Carwings system can also show the driver a list of the closest public charging stations, which changes as new stations are opened.

The Leaf contacts the data centre through its cellular connection and downloads the updated list, adding any new ones to its map.

When the driver inputs a destination into the navigation system, the car determines whether it has enough battery power for the journey, and indicates any charging stations along the way.

A display on the Leaf's instrument cluster "grows" virtual trees whenever the car is being driven efficiently, and, if the owner chooses, the car can upload its driving history to the website.

"You can compare these metrics with everyone else in the world," Wong says. "It has a history of the distance and the energy economy, and you can see your 'forests' growing larger and larger through the web."

App to communicate

- The Leaf was the first Nissan/Infiniti vehicle with a telematics system that connects to a data centre.
- The data centre is global, and all Nissan Leafs in the world use it for this type of communication.
- The app also shows how long it will take to charge the car, sends reminders if the car needs to be plugged in, and can connect the driver directly to roadside assistance.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
In recent weeks you've thrown yourself into life like there was no tomorrow but not even an Aries can keep going indefinitely. Slow down and get your world back into balance.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
This is one of the best times of the year to get things done, but the things you do must not be of a minor nature. Use today's Sun-Pluto contact to aim higher.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Make sure you know all the facts before getting involved in a feud. You may want to help but if you're unaware of what is really going on you may end up making it even worse.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Today's cosmic influences will smooth your path and make it easy for you to get from A to B with a minimum of fuss. Travel and social activities will go well for you over the next few days.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need a favour from someone and because you're unsure what their reaction will be you aren't looking forward to it. They'll give you what you need.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's link between the Sun in your sign and Pluto in Capricorn means you're endowed with extra power. Go all out to get what it is you most desire.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You'll do best today if you make a conscious effort to shut out the world and create a mental and emotional bubble inside which everything is peaceful.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Social activities will bring you luck over the next 24 hours, so get out and impress. The more attention you get, the more you will accomplish.

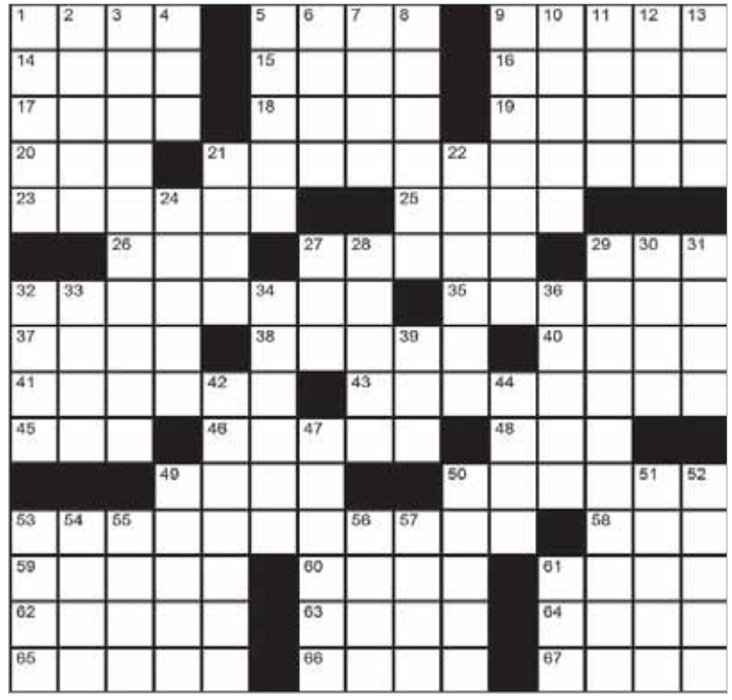
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Others may be winding down a but you must keep the tempo going and make sure you stay visible. There are big opportunities coming up, so make sure important people know you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Actions speak louder than words and with Pluto in your sign activated by the Sun you'll be all action from the moment you awake to the moment your head hits the pillow.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be tempted to forget about your principles and do something underhand today but you are advised against it. You have a rep for honesty.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Make an effort to see things from another person's point of view today. You may be surprised to find that the way they look at the world is not that far away from your own.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Jill's hill pal
5. 27th US President
9. "A Place Like This": Current tune by Canadian duo __ Jordan
14. Speck
15. Puccini aria: "_ __ Babbino Caro"
16. Satire
17. Boxes [abbr.]
18. Fall hue
19. __ de menthe
20. Clod
21. American country singer whose 2014 album is called 'Storyline': 2 wds.
23. Cape Island link
25. 'The Art of Eight Limbs', __ Thai
26. 17th Greek letter
27. Chicago choreographer
29. US univ.
32. Vegan's biker-look fabric
35. Shirt part
37. "Candid Camera" host Allen
38. Songstress Ms. Sande
40. "Let's go!"
41. Beauty treatment
43. Scottish __ __ (Gig for the character Jamie Fraser in "Outlander")
45. Wee weekday
46. Gambles
48. Hearer
49. "Your time __ __!"
50. "__ __ hotdogs!" (Ballpark shout)
53. Winnipeg boutiques-gourmet district: 2 wds.
58. Half a Teletubby
59. Curry powder ingredient
60. Ed Sheeran song
61. Spaghetti cheese, commonly
62. Singer Mr. Lopez
63. 'Persist' suffix
64. Ms. Hathaway
65. Glacial ice block
66. Actress Charlotte's
67. Raised flatland

Down
1. "Glee" star Mr. Artist
2. Fragrant oil from flowers
3. September 1864 on the road to Canadian Confederation... 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown __
4. Cdn. highway measures
5. Bruce Springsteen's "Born __ __"
6. Thebes deity
7. 1978 Sylvester Stallone m.o.v.i.e. directed by Norman Jewison
8. Carved symbols
9. Broadcaster Mr. Williams (Trivia! One of MuchMusic's original VJs)
10. Range
11. "Friends" friend
12. Kenny Rogers' "She Believes __ __"
13. Salon supplies
21. Funny lark
22. "From __ with Love" (1963)
24. "Grease" (1978) song: "You're the One __ __ Want"
27. Masc. opposite
28. Vacuum cleaner brand
29. Nostalgic stroll-taker's location: 2 wds.
30. Welsh composer/actor Mr. Novello
31. Mind
32. Fizzling-out noise
33. Beach feast
34. __ balloon
36. Fanfare
39. Bean and Cool J
42. 'Old Lace' poison
44. Require
47. Can-Am __ (Bombardier's 3-wheel motorcycle)
49. Songstress Ms. Menzel
50. Doors on fences
51. Acquires
52. Newfoundland town
53. Performs
54. Remedy
55. Mideast chieftain, variantly
56. Canadian hardware store
57. Formerly
61. Cooking spray

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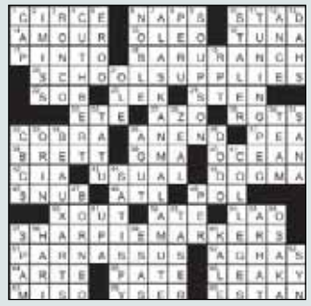

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9			8		3			1
3		9				6		8
		4	6		2	1		
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	3			1			7	
4				5				2

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	4	5	3	6	7	9	2	8
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6	8	2	1	5	3	4	9	7
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FINALLY 2015's!

WITH

LOW WEEKLY PAYMENTS

+ UP TO 0% FINANCING 84≠ MONTHS

ON SELECT MODELS

Rio4 SX with Navigation shown△ Cash purchase price $22,714 – hwy / city 100km*: 5.3L/7.3L

2015 RIO LX MT

OWN IT! $39 WEEKLY | $0 DOWN PAYMENT | 0% FINANCING | FOR 84≠ MONTHS

Offer includes delivery, destination, fees and a $1,500 loan rebate†. Offer based on 2015 Rio LX MT (RO541F) with a purchase price of **$14,114**. Excludes HST.

Forte SX shown△ Cash purchase price $26,814 – hwy / city 100km*: 5.3L/8.0L

2015 FORTE LX MT

OWN IT! $44 WEEKLY | $0 DOWN PAYMENT | 0% FINANCING | FOR 84≠ MONTHS

Offer includes delivery, destination, fees and a $1,500 loan rebate†. Offer based on 2015 Forte LX MT (FO541F) with a purchase price of **$16,014**. Excludes HST.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

LAST CHANCE FOR NO BULL PRICING

2014 CLEAROUT UP TO $7,000 CASH BONUS*

Optima SX Turbo AT shown^

2014 OPTIMA

UP TO $5,000 CASH BONUS*

"HIGHEST RANKED SMALL SUV IN INITIAL QUALITY IN A TIE IN THE U.S."

Sportage SX AT Luxury AWD shown^

2014 SPORTAGE

UP TO $5,000 CASH BONUS*

Rondo EX Luxury 7-seat shown^

2014 RONDO

UP TO $5,500 CASH BONUS*

Forte Koup SX Luxury shown^

2014 FORTE KOUP

UP TO $3,500 CASH BONUS*

AVAILABLE ON CASH, FINANCE OR LEASE*

5 Year Warranty

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

*5-year/100,000 km worry-free comprehensive warranty.

Kia's new Customer Friendly Pricing includes delivery and destination fees and all mandatory government levies. Prices do not include fuel-fill charges up to $100, dealer administration fees up to $399, licensing or applicable taxes.

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15TH ANNIVERSARY

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The Power to Surprise

Offer(s) available on select new 2014/2015 models through participating dealers to qualified retail customers who take delivery by September 14, 2014. Dealers may sell or lease for less. Some conditions apply. See dealer for complete details. Vehicles shown may include optional accessories and upgrades available at extra cost. All offers are subject to change without notice. All pricing includes delivery and destination fees up to $1,665, $5 OMVIC fee, $29 tire tax, other taxes, environmental fee, and $100 A/C charge (where applicable). Excludes licensing, registration, insurance, variable dealer administration fees (up to $399), fuel-fill charges up to $100, and down payment (if applicable and unless otherwise specified). Other lease and financing options also available. **≠Representative finance example**: 0% financing offer for up to 84 months available O.A.C. to qualified retail customers, on approved credit for the new 2015 Forte LX MT (FO541F)/2015 Rio LX MT (RO541F) with a selling price of $16,014/$14,114 and includes delivery and destination fees of $1,485, $5 OMVIC fee, tire tax of $29 and a $1,500 loan rebate. 364 weekly payments of $44/$39 for 84 months with $0 down payment. Credit fees of $0. Total obligation is $16,014/$14,114. See retailer for complete details. †Cash bonus amounts are offered on select 2014 and 2015 models and are deducted from the negotiated purchase price before taxes. Available on finance, lease or cash purchase offers. Offer varies by trim. Certain conditions apply. $7,000/$5,000/$5,000/$5,500/$3,500 maximum cash bonus amount only available on the 2014 Sedona EX Luxury (SD75CE)/2014 Optima SX AT (OP749E)/2014 Sportage SX AT (SP758E)/2014 Rondo EX Luxury 7-seat (RN757E)/2014 Forte Koup SX Luxury AT (F0726E). ‡Loan rebate amounts are offered on select 2014 and 2015 models and are deducted from the negotiated purchase price before taxes. Available on financing offer only. Offer varies by trim. Certain conditions apply. Offer ends September 14, 2014. See your dealer for complete details. △Model shown Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price for 2015 Forte SX (FO748F)/2014 Forte Koup LX Luxury AT (F0726E)/2015 Rio4 SX with Navigation (RO749F)/2014 Sportage SX AT Luxury AWD (SP759E)/2014 Rondo EX Luxury 7-seat (RN757E)/2014 Optima SX Turbo AT (OP748E) is $26,695/$28,295/$22,395/$38,295/$30,795/$34,795. *Highway/city fuel consumption is based on the 2015 Rio LX+ ECO (A/T)/2015 Forte 1.8L MPI 4-cyl (M/T). These updated estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the *EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide*. Your actual fuel consumption will vary based on driving habits and other factors. The 2014 Kia Sportage received the lowest number of problems per 100 vehicles among small SUVs in a tie in the proprietary J.D. Power 2014 U.S. Initial Quality Study℠. Study based on responses from 86,118 new-vehicle owners, measuring 239 models, and measures opinions after 90 days of ownership. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of owners surveyed from February to May, 2014. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of printing. For more information on our 5-year warranty coverage, visit kia.ca or call us at 1-877-542-2886. Kia is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.